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Miss Canada Goes to the Dogs at Winterdance on Sunday

Miss Canada 2010 Bridget Nickerson from Nova Scotia is currently on tour in Ontario and over the Family Day weekend she'll be coming to Haliburton.

On Saturday and Sunday the ninth Haliburton Highlands Dog Sled Derby will be making its way to the Pinestone Resort where Miss Canada will be popping along for a visit.

Miss Canada will be attending the dogsled races on Sunday morning to send out the four dog race. She'll be visiting with mushers, fans and sponsors and then trying out the sport herself at Winterdance on Monday.

The races started in 2002 by Winterdance Dog Sled Tours to "have the largest dogsled race in

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Zoe Cittern

Staff Reporter

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Lyn Winans

Laurie Scott to Seek Tory Nomination

By Stephen Patrick, Editor

You might be able to take the girl out of politics, but you sure can't take the politics out of the girl. Last week Laurie Scott, former Conservative Party MPP for Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock, announced that she would seek her party's nomination to run in the next provincial election, mandated for the fall of 2011.

Just 13 months ago Scott resigned her seat to make way for the parachute candidacy of her then-leader, John Tory. Two months later Tory was humiliated by Liberal Rick Johnson, and subsequently resigned from politics. Scott was then appointed to lead the team of Conservatives in preparing for the 2011 election, as well as to provide liaison work between the Caucus and the office of her new leader, Tim Hudak.

In an interview with the Voice, Scott admitted that she was completely taken aback in January of 2009 when she resigned and John Tory's campaign began, at how upset and angry her constituents were at her decision. "I knew that my resignation would be controversial, but I genuinely believed that I was doing the right thing for my party, and for the riding. To have a great guy, a strong Leader of the Opposition, and as far as I was concerned the next Premier of the province representing Haliburton was in my opinion a great opportunity for us.

"It became a very emotional issue for me, and for many of my friends and supporters. I was so upset people were feeling that way, and I have to apologize to them for that. My intent was to do the right thing for the party. But obviously that message was lost, and people seemed to think that I was leaving them. It was a very difficult time."

Laurie Scott and her family have a long history in Haliburton's Conservative Party. Her father Bill Scott was the federal MP from 1968 until 1993. Before that he was Reeve of Snowdon Township and a well known businessman and grocery store owner in Kinmount. "People knew my Dad was a hard worker who was extremely close to his constituents. They used to say that 'he certainly knew the price of meat', meaning he knew how people lived, what they could afford, and what they couldn't. He really believed in service, in giving back, and he taught me a lot about that."

Bill Scott was personally honoured by Brian Mulroney in the 1984 election when the soon-to-be-

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Sovereignty Group Charges Withdrawn

By Zoe Cittern

The six members of the sovereignty group who unlawfully entered a property on Kennisis Lake Road on November 10th walked free from court on Wednesday 3rd February.

The six adults; Victor Beck, Alexandre Nault, Yakim Belair, William Russ, Diann Turkington and Doug Baskin were due in court on February 10th for their trial.

February 3rd marked the date of a status hearing where both sides would normally confirm that they were prepared for the upcoming trial. Only three of the six members; Beck, Nault and Belair entered the court room and were without representation.

After a meeting with Crown Attorney Jennifer Broderick, Beck pled guilty to a lesser charge of mischief under \$5,000 and a joint submission was made before her worship, Judge K.E Johnston, that Beck receive an absolute discharge. The remaining individuals would have the charges against them withdrawn.

An absolute discharge means that Beck will not have a criminal record stemming from the incident and is free to go.

Broderick expressed to the open court and Judge Johnston that the group "clearly violated property rights. The crown recognises that the intention all along was to make a political

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Airport Development Costs Continue to Soar

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

The Stanhope Airport expansion project may have suffered a bit of a blow as a result of a recent order by the Ontario Municipal Board. As a result of a motion heard by the Board on January 7th, the OMB made several rulings on arguments submitted by lawyers representing the Middleton family and the Municipality of Algonquin Highlands.

The matter of compensation for the 100 acre parcel expropriated from the Middleton family to facilitate the construction of a new runway remains unresolved but it appears that the Middletons are making some headway.

As well as trying to come to terms with the actual appraised value of the expropriated lands, several concerns remain outstanding including interest owing on land values and establishing the value of 'injurious affection,' which takes into consideration the reduced market value of land that the family continues to hold or impacts from future airport development, noise, additional air traffic or simply from the reduced enjoyment of their remaining lands.

There is no question that the Algonquin Highlands Council has been holding an unprecedented number of closed sessions recently to discuss what Reeve Eleanor Harrison called an 'extremely complicated issue.' The rationale for last week's closed session is now a bit clearer.

A Memorandum of Oral Decision, delivered by the OMB's Member John Aker was posted on their website last Saturday morning providing some details on arguments made between the two parties. First and foremost, the OMB has ruled that the municipality failed to follow an earlier order, creating a substantial delay in the proceedings.

Reports submitted by the municipality addressing matters of the appraised value of the expropriated land and future impacts of noise from airport activity appear to have been outside of the bounds established by the OMB and submitted too late for the claimants (the Middleton family) to respond to. A motion was subsequently submitted to the OMB by the Middleton family's lawyer to have these reports and witness statements stricken from the record.

Rather than strike the reports from the record, Aker ordered that noise experts retained by the Middleton family be given four weeks to respond with their own opinions. In addition, a land appraiser retained by the Middletons will have eight weeks to respond to a report submitted by consultants for the municipality.

Witness statements submitted by former CAO Lorne Mitchell have been cited by Aker as being 'too vague and too broad.' The municipality has been ordered to re-file a more 'specific' witness statement from Mitchell within four weeks, to comply with requirements previously set out by the Board.

Aker's Memorandum of Decision clearly states that the municipality is being held wholly responsible for a delay in the proceedings. Aker wrote, "Based on the submissions, the Board finds that the respondent (the municipality) has clearly caused the delay of this hearing from February 1, 2010 to July 19, 2010 by not complying with the decision/order issued on December 1, 2009."

Three weeks have been reserved for a hearing on the Board's calendar with one additional day for final submissions. However, it is still a real possibility that these matters may be resolved as a result of continuing negotiations under the Board's guidance.

Aker has also made a ruling with respect to interest. Section 33(1) of the Expropriations Act entitles the owner of expropriated lands to be paid interest on compensation for the value of the expropriated land, and injurious affection, ultimately agreed or

awarded in excess of the initial payment made by the municipality. While the normal rate of interest is six percent a year, the Act also allows a variation to that amount if the Board is of the opinion that the delay in determining compensation can be attributed in whole or in part to one of the parties (in this case the municipality.) In this case the Board has ordered that interest owing, due to the delay, from the original February 1st hearing date will be increased from six to twelve percent.

What is also apparent is that in addition to legal fees, presently estimated at \$250,000 in the 2010 budget, costs for reports from at least three consultants and one 'expert' witness in the form of the former CAO, continue to escalate.

There is little doubt that the OMB's decision will have a definite impact on future negotiations for aerial easement agreements that remain to be negotiated for tree cutting required on a number of properties adjacent to the airport before any expansion can take place. If a hearing is ultimately required the municipality may

be hard pressed to complete their expansion project before the funding deadline at the end of March, 2011.

The bottom line to this part of the saga is that the municipality's reports were too late or insufficient for the family's counsel to respond to in time for the hearing date scheduled in February. They were not in compliance with earlier orders issued by the OMB and have caused even further delay in the process, which has resulted in the Board imposing a penalty.

In the absence of Reeve Eleanor Harrison, Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner said he was unsure whether these proceedings would cause a delay in the airport expansion project as well. In response to several questions posed by the Voice, Gardner said, "At this point any discussion will have to remain within the confines of our closed session."

(Editor's Note: please see as well this week's Letters to the Editor for further comment and information.)■

A Tourist Market for Downtown Minden This Summer?

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

Businessman Jack Dougan came to Minden on Wednesday February 3rd to discuss a possible business venture for the village. He brought the idea to an open house at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Dougan wishes to bring scores of consumers to downtown Minden in the summer months by installing a tourist market. Booths would be set up by retailers, artisans and restaurant owners on Main Street in Minden which he hoped would draw cottagers to the shopping district. The market would run one day a week for 11 weeks from June 21st until Labour Day.

Markets on Main is the name of the venture which Dougan says has been extremely successful in other areas. However it was received with mixed feelings though with some hopeful optimism from some members of the Chamber.

And in fact the market wouldn't just run in Minden. Vendors from the village would also be free to travel to areas such as Peterborough, Bancroft, Fenelon Falls and Haliburton which in turn would create a partnership between the areas. The market would travel across the said areas, with one day a week in each town. Bancroft's BIA has already confirmed that they will run a tourist market for the forthcoming summer.

By creating a partnership with the other areas it would allow Mindenites to travel to other areas to sell their goods which could result in higher profits. It would also be a draw for local restaurants; Jack said that "restaurants would be prime beneficiaries. Many of the towns which currently hold tourist markets, customers have to book tables at them, which surely can't be a bad thing."

However there was some opposition to the idea of a market not being completely in the hands of local vendors. Members were worried that it would create direct competition to local businesses downtown, especially those within the arts community and restaurant owners. However Dougan said he understood the concerns of the individuals that they would have little control over the market. He suggested they build "a committee of patrons from the downtown area to run and organise it so they could have control over the direction that the market would go in."

The market would run from 9am to either 1pm or 2pm. A ten by ten table would cost \$30 for those from downtown, \$40 for seasonal businesses and \$50 for one time only. The pricing would cover advertising and marketing costs etc.

One of the key reasons for bringing the tourist market to Minden was to lure cottagers to the town. Jack commented that "cottagers aren't spending money here. Lot's of cottagers from the area have never even been to Minden."

The idea of placing the market on Main Street also drew some concerns as Dougan revealed that he didn't intend to close the street during market hours. Market stalls would be set up in the parking areas on Main Street with traffic still travelling through the street. Parking issues were raised with this as it would cause further congestion on Main Street. Members voiced their concerns over wheelchair access and safety if they didn't close the street. Furthermore by holding the market downtown issues were raised over the lack of parking areas in Minden which could determine whether people came to the market or not. An idea of buses shuttling residents to Minden was raised as a possible solution.

Members posed the idea of holding the market away from the downtown core in a larger area however Jack said that "this would pose pure competition to the downtown businesses. This venture shouldn't be seen as a threat to downtown merchants."

Before a decision on whether the tourist market will go ahead the idea would have to go to council for approval.

The next meeting for discussions relating to the tourist market plan has been scheduled for February 22nd at 5pm at the Chamber Office, 5 Bobcaygeon Road, and all Chamber members and interested parties are welcome. ■

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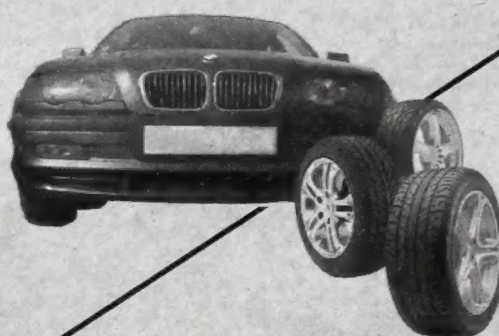


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Acapulco	31/22/pc	30/22/cl	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	29/22/sh	29/23/pc	32/21/su
Antigua	30/22/pc	30/22/su	31/26/su	Nassau	22/18/su	23/18/pc	31/28/sh
Barbados	32/26/su	31/26/su	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	32/21/pc	33/22/pc	33/26/cl
Bermuda	18/13/sh	18/14/pc	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	26/18/sh	29/21/su	29/23/na
Cancun	26/20/pc	27/21/ts	32/26/na	St Thomas	29/23/pc	28/23/pc	28/23/pc
Curacao	32/26/pc	33/26/su	31/24/ts	St. Maarten	29/24/pc	29/24/pc	31/27/su
Freeport	20/16/su	21/17/sh	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	28/19/pc	29/20/pc	31/21/ra
Georgetown	31/24/su	32/24/pc	31/23/ts	San Juan	29/22/su	28/22/pc	29/22/su
Havana	26/16/su	27/18/pc	34/24/su	San Salvador	33/22/pc	33/22/pc	32/22/su
Key West	21/16/su	23/18/sh	21/15/pc	Santo Domingo	31/19/su	32/21/pc	33/26/su
Kingston	29/23/sh	30/24/pc	33/32/su	Trinidad	32/24/su	31/24/su	32/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Outk	Friday Hi/Low/Outk	Saturday Hi/Low/Outk	Sunday Hi/Low/Outk	Monday Hi/Low/Outk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Outk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Outk
Bancroft	-6/-12/cl	-7/-14/cl	-5/-13/pc	-7/-13/sn	-7/-13/sn	-7/-14/sn	-8/-14/sn
Barrie	-5/-11/cl	-6/-13/cl	-4/-12/pc	-6/-13/sn	-6/-13/sn	-6/-14/sn	-8/-13/sn
Dorset	-6/-12/cl	-7/-14/cl	-5/-13/pc	-7/-14/sn	-7/-13/sn	-7/-14/sn	-8/-14/sn
Haliburton	-6/-12/cl	-7/-14/cl	-5/-13/pc	-7/-13/sn	-7/-13/sn	-7/-14/sn	-8/-14/sn
Huntsville	-6/-12/cl	-7/-14/cl	-5/-13/pc	-7/-14/sn	-7/-13/sn	-7/-14/sn	-8/-14/sn
Kingston	-4/-11/cl	-4/-12/cl	-3/-11/pc	-5/-12/sn	-5/-12/sn	-5/-13/sn	-6/-13/sn
Lindsay	-5/-11/cl	-6/-13/cl	-4/-12/pc	-6/-13/sn	-6/-13/sn	-6/-14/sn	-7/-13/sn
Minden	-6/-12/cl	-7/-14/cl	-5/-13/pc	-7/-13/sn	-7/-13/sn	-7/-14/sn	-8/-14/sn
Oshawa	-3/-10/cl	-4/-12/cl	-5/-11/pc	-4/-12/sn	-4/-12/sn	-5/-12/sn	-6/-13/sn
Ottawa	-4/-13/pc	-3/-12/cl	-4/-12/cl	-4/-13/sn	-6/-13/sn	-7/-14/sn	-7/-14/sn
Toronto	-3/-10/cl	-4/-12/cl	-3/-11/pc	-4/-11/sn	-5/-12/sn	-5/-12/sn	-6/-13/sn

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Outk	Friday Hi/Low/Outk	Saturday Hi/Low/Outk	Sunday Hi/Low/Outk	Monday Hi/Low/Outk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Outk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Outk
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Edmonton	-5/-14/pc	-4/-13/pc	-14/-23/cl	-14/-23/cl	-15/-22/cl	-16/-23/cl	-14/-21/sf
Fredericton	-4/-13/pc	-2/-11/cl	-1/-9/sn	-1/-9/sn	-1/-9/sn	-2/-10/sn	-2/-11/sn
Halifax	1/-6/pc	0/-7/cl	1/-4/sn	1/-4/sn	1/-4/sn	0/-6/sn	-1/-7/sn
Montreal	-4/-14/pc	-4/-11/cl	-5/-13/cl	-5/-13/sn	-6/-14/sn	-6/-14/sn	-7/-15/sn
Regina	-6/-16/pc	-4/-13/cl	-8/-17/pc	-8/-17/pc	-7/-16/pc	-7/-15/cl	-6/-14/cl
St. John's	2/-3/pc	2/-3/sf	-2/-8/sn	-2/-8/sn	-1/-7/sn	0/-6/sn	-2/-7/sn
Saskatoon	-8/-17/pc	-6/-13/cl	-12/-20/pc	-12/-20/pc	-12/-21/pc	-13/-21/sf	-11/-19/cl
Vancouver	9/6/ra	9/5/ra	9/8/ra	13/8/sh	12/7/sh	12/8/sh	13/8/sh
Whitehorse	-8/-16/cl	-7/-14/cl	-9/-13/sf	-9/-13/sf	-9/-14/sf	-10/-16/cl	-10/-16/sn
Winnipeg	-8/-18/cl	-9/-19/cl	-7/-19/cl	-7/-19/pc	-6/-18/pc	-7/-19/sf	-8/-19/sf

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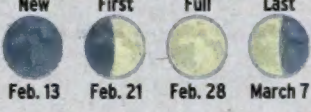
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Wednesday 2/3	-3°C	-13°C	2.5 mm
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Sun.	7:17 a.m./5:41 p.m.	7:14 a.m./6:34 p.m.
Mon.	7:15 a.m./5:42 p.m.	7:34 a.m./7:36 p.m.
Tues.	7:13 a.m./5:43 p.m.	7:52 a.m./8:39 p.m.
Wed.	7:12 a.m./5:45 p.m.	8:12 a.m./9:43 p.m.



More Controversy over Chili

(February 9, 2010, Minden, ON) In a competition that has been plagued with controversy, the Township of Minden Hills Director of Community Service has added fuel to this growing wildfire by announcing that all contestants in the upcoming Winterfest Chili Competition will undergo mandatory drug testing.

"This event is a family event and we want to ensure that it's a fair, honest and undisputed competition," said Rick Cox in his statement late yesterday. "All contestants will be required to submit to mandatory drug testing to ensure that no illegal substances are used by the contestants or in the preparation of the chili."

The list of banned substances includes steroids, narcotics and cumin.

This announcement comes on the heels of several developments that will ensure that this year's event may be the most controversial yet. These include:

One month ago, Brett Irvine from the Haliburton County Voice/Highlands Communicator, last year's second place winner, reluctantly dropped out of this year's competition claiming he must host a Friend's 50th Birthday Party where he will be making Joanne's famous chili for their lucky guests. However sources were unable to confirm the validity of this statement, or even if Brett has any friends over the age of 43.

"We think he's running scared," says competitor and two-time champion Gramma's Fish & Chips. "Or maybe he is using the chili costume and big straw hat they showed off during last year's event as a promotion to sell advertising and won't have that available."

Two weeks ago, the Dominion Hotel called the Minden OPP several times with complaints of unexplained activity around the kitchen larder. Security cameras have recorded individuals covered with hat and scarf entering the thought to be secure storage place. No suspects have been identified, but the Dominion's most secret chili ingredient has had to be relocated 3 times.

And just three days ago, allegations about bribery of the celebrity judges were flying over social media sites claiming that both Rick Lowes, from Moose FM and Mike Jaycock from Canoe FM were seen receiving "suspicious" packages handed over "in discreet fashion" on at least 2 separate occasions. Both men were unavailable for comment.

There are only a few days to go before this year's competition, but these new developments, combined with the controversy surrounding the 2009 decision to make the event violence-free, will ensure that they will indeed be eventful.

Sources say that both the Minden OPP detachment and the Minden Fire Department will have a strong presence on site at the Community Centre on Sunday to ensure the safety of contestants and the public. Fire Chief Doug Schell noted that with open flames seen breaking out during last year's competition, "it's better that we'll be nearby, just in case."

Officers and firefighters expect that despite the ban on performance enhancing substances, the post-chili hockey game between the two organizations will showcase more speedy play due to the extra supply of gas on hand, however they are monitoring for adequate ventilation.

The public is invited to watch the action at the Minden Community Centre on Sunday, February 14th from 3-6pm. For \$5, receive five tastings and vote for your favourite. ■



Brett Irvine dressed for last year's competition



Last year's competitors



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Letter of the Week

Editor's Note:

Last week we ran a copy of a letter to Judy Saunders, Chairperson of the Cardiff and Wilberforce Elementary Schools Program and Accommodation Review Committee from Environment Haliburton (EH!)'s Heather Ross.

Ms. Saunders's reply arrived too late for inclusion in that edition, but we're pleased to reprint it below. Environment Haliburton also wanted to point out that they were very pleased with the School Board's response.

January 27, 2010
Environmental Haliburton (EH!)
Box 824, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0

Attention: Heather Ross, President

Dear Ms. Ross;

I am responding to your letter of November 17, 2009. My apologies for the delay in response.

Re: Wilberforce Elementary School

Based on the initial result for the Wilberforce Elementary School, no further testing has been arranged at this time.

Re: Cardiff Elementary School

A meter has been installed at Cardiff Elementary School which provides ongoing readings. The same company (ECOH) that did the initial testing will be coming to Cardiff Elementary School during the next month to read this meter. They will then provide our plant department with the readings. The meter will continue to take measurements and ECOH will continue to take the readings for the school board until such a time as our plant department determines that the meter can be removed for the school.

I have attached copies of the reports containing the test results for both Wilberforce Elementary School and Cardiff Elementary School as per your request.

Sincerely
Judy Saunders
Chairperson
Cardiff and Wilberforce Elementary Schools
Program and Accommodations Review Committee ■

Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick



The Long and Lonely Road, or, Local Politics 101

Last week Laurie Scott decided to run for the Conservative nomination for the mandated fall 2011 provincial election. (See story on page one of this issue).

Scott resigned her seat in January 2009 to pave the way for then-leader John Tory to romp into Queen's Park in a by election. Tory had been dumped by the voters in the Toronto riding of Don Mills in the 2007 election, and his leadership depended on his gaining a seat as soon as possible. After months of waiting when, embarrassingly, no MPP seemed to want to give up a seat for him, and, after the federal Conservatives decided not to bail him out by appointing a Tory MP to the Senate, thus opening up a seat, Tory decided to take on the voters of Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock.

But, said the voters, not so fast. I remember well the instant visceral reaction of Haliburtonians the day after the press conference where Tory and Scott announced his candidacy and her resignation: anger, cynicism, disappointment, betrayal. At that press conference I had asked Mr. Tory why on earth he would run in a riding and area that had such a distinguished record of providing Queen's Park with high-profile, influential local members. Think Glen Hodgson, John Eakins, Chris Hodgson, just for starters. He replied that he would rely on Laurie Scott's loyal constituents to give him a mandate, all the while reassuring them of his commitment to local issues and governance.

Well, John Tory may be the nicest guy in the world, and a very successful business man, but keen political judgment was never his strong suit. He virtually gave away the 2007 election with his loony privately funded separate schools campaign. In the Haliburton campaign he concentrated at first on promoting the eastward extension of the ETR Highway 409, and the widening of Highway 35: within days the Liberals announced plans to do just that. Meanwhile reaction to Scott's move grew more and more negative: some party loyalists even became openly dismissive of the popular Conservative's motives, and her judgement. On election day some 7,000 loyal Conservatives decided to sit on their hands, while another 4,000 or so Green and NDP supporters switched to the Liberal, School Board Chair Rick Johnson.

In the interim MPP Rick Johnson has proved to be a good listener and a dedicated attendee at every conceivable local event, and over the summer has been signing cheques almost daily, along with federal MP Barry Devolin, with whom he's wisely forged an excellent working relationship. To top all that off, Premier Dalton McGuinty made him a Parliamentary Secretary, an unusual reward for a rookie MPP in his first year in the Queens Park cauldron.

So, if Scott indeed wins her party's nomination, the stage will be set for a very interesting campaign. Long-time local political junkies recall a not-dissimilar scenario in the 1970s when popular sitting member and Conservative Glen Hodgson had ruffled the feathers of some local party loyalists after a long run at Queen's Park. Liberal John Eakins wrested the riding from him in the 1975 election and held it easily for some 15 years. After severely testing the loyalty of her constituents just a year ago, Laurie Scott has a long and difficult job ahead to regain that trust.

Editor's Note: in a story in last week's Voice we mentioned that Rick Forget was Remax Haliburton's new Broker of Record. In fact, the paperwork necessary for this change has not yet been completed. Mr. Forget is Remax Manager and Vince Duchene continues to be Broker of Record for the moment.

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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

“All the while, the township is amassing a stack of lawyers and consultants: bills that council had been convinced would not be necessary.”

At a recent “mediation hearing” before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) Algonquin Highlands, their legal and consultant teams and the former Township CAO were handed something of a setback on the already rocky path to airport expansion. An “oral decision” released the day before the February 4th council meeting led to what must be a record fourth special in-camera meeting in as many weeks on the same subject. The subject, of course, is the ongoing and increasingly expensive saga of the expropriation of one hundred acres of a family’s land for the construction of a new runway at the township owned Haliburton – Stanhope Municipal Airport.

The OMB ruled that the Township had failed to follow an earlier order and, as a result, a hearing date which had been set for early February this year has been delayed to July 19th with another, final submission date being set for August 13th. The early February date had been set back in March of 2009, which makes one question the recent statement by the Reeve that the now current round of meetings had only come to her attention ‘late in the fall’ of last year.

One part of the recent ruling, which was published on February 3rd, cites a witness statement by former CAO, Lorne Harrison as being “...vague and too broad.” and ordered him to re-file a statement that complies with rules of practice.

In all, four of the townships’ witnesses and consultants (whose fees must be considerable by this time) submitted reports which were either too late or too broad for the family’s counsel to respond to in time for the long set February date. As a result, the OMB found that the delay and the attendant additional costs to the family are entirely the responsibility of the township, adding even further to the costs of this first of several, eventual access and injurious affection actions which will be required in order to build and operate the proposed runway.

It is still possible that a settlement between the parties could be reached before the hearing dates set in the decision, but a failure to do so may push the start date for construction so far back that completion before the Federal / Provincial BCF funding time limit would be impossible. All the while, the township is amassing a stack of lawyers and consultants; bills that council had been convinced would not be necessary.

While both sides of the dispute must refrain from discussing details of OMB mediation meetings and township officials may not speak about discussions held “in-camera”, there is no reason that the costs arising from these matters and others like them can not be openly reviewed. Indeed, with the next budget currently under discussion and much of last years’ financial statements yet to be produced, it is long past time for spending related directly to the airport expansion project to be fully disclosed, separated from general expenses and recognized in the question of the project’s over-all viability. As a single example, the unusually high line item for legal costs proposed for the next budget should be recognised, to whatever extent is the case, as an airport expansion cost.

It has long been the position of the MBC and other opponents of the second runway that the township must identify all potential land access, aerial easement and injurious affection issues, make a reasonable assessment of the costs and other impacts and must initiate discussions with all potentially affected landowners before making a final decision on construction. It is also our position that the Building Canada funding must not flow until these issues are resolved, and we will be pressing that point with the responsible authorities.

We have asked the township a number of times in letters and in a delegation before council, to take this reasonable approach so that, finally, the taxpayers of Algonquin Highlands and the council members themselves, would have at least some idea of the costs we are facing. We have appealed to the council to obtain and publish a legal opinion on the simple question of whether the township can, in fact and in law actually begin construction on a project which will have obvious and demonstrable negative impacts on private lands without concluding agreements for access first.

The response from council has always been negative. Our last appeal on these lines, (in July of 2009 when council should already have been aware of the OMB debacle ahead of them) was dismissed by the Deputy Reeve because getting such a legal opinion would have been, ‘unnecessary spending of unbudgeted money prior to confirmation of funding and a decision to proceed.’ It is now clear that a decision to proceed must already have been made, because there has certainly been a good deal of unbudgeted money spent since last March, although there is still no confirmation of funding.

To continue pouring money into this one fight while ignoring the next several rounds and the very real possibility that this issue, if left unresolved, will kill their project and make the entire “investment” to date a complete loss, is irresponsible. Even if one was in favour of the expansion project, it is inconceivable that this level of mismanagement, secrecy and lack of control could be considered to be acceptable.

Andy Muirhead
Director,
Maple Beech & Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association ■

Dear Editor:

“So we will enjoy the last few moments of why we lived here”

Ah yes the 105 residential lots for the Haliburton Lake development, and here are a few things that it will bring; 105 lots built at one a year (in theory) equals 105 years of; constant noise seven days a week (no enforced excessive noise law), from coffee cups to pop cans out the window, used building materials (the dump was closed), and I won’t forget what I see the most of on the shoulder of our roads, is liquor containers. And last, but far far from the least, cigarette butts. So we will enjoy the last few moments of why we lived here.

Earl Maloney 1021 Dunn Road. Haliburton ■

Laurie Scott Cont’d...

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Prime Minister paid a special visit to the Kinmount Fair during the campaign and lauded Scott as the best example of a hard-working effective local MP Mulroney had in his caucus. The riding was a safe Tory seat, so Mulroney had little political advantage to gain, but he made the trip anyway.

Laurie Scott hopes that her constituents will realize that “I too believe first and foremost in community service and hard constituency work. My job will be to reassure the voters that I’ve always had their interests at heart in the decisions I’ve made.” In the by election that sent Rick Johnson to Queen’s Park his vote totals didn’t increase significantly over the 2007 results, where he lost to Scott by almost 10,000 votes. But the Conservatives sat on their hands rather than vote for the parachuting Mr. Tory. ■

Sovereignty Group Charges Withdrawn

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statement which impacted on the community.” She further stated that “the entire O.P.P. Minden detachment and officers from the City of Kawartha Lakes were dispatched to the incident on November 10th which put residents at risk.”

Other than Beck, the five other involved individuals had no previous criminal record. They all spent time in jail following their arrests on November 10th, ranging in length of time from two to three days per person. A normal penalty for unlawfully being in a dwelling without a criminal record would not necessarily lead to jail time.

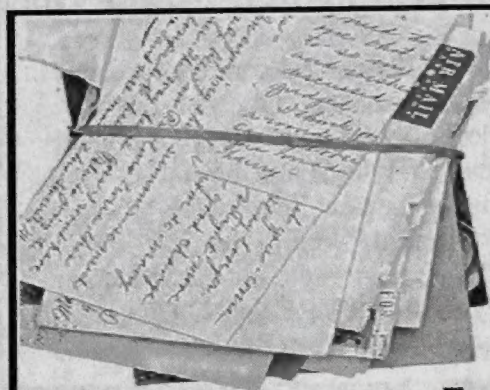
Beck stated, before the open court, “We didn’t do it to injure anyone or damage property. It was a spiritual thing. We make no excuses for our actions. It won’t be happening again. A couple of days in jail is great experience in hindsight.” Beck apologised to the court, the police and all parties concerned.

Broderick closed by saying “Jail time was already achieved. Beck and the group realised that the manner in which they conducted themselves on November 10th wasn’t the right way to express their views.”

Broderick was satisfied that the group wouldn’t commit the offence again and that they posed no risk to the property owners now or in the future.

Judge Johnston, after noting the facts, spoke to Beck saying: “I think it goes without saying that if you want to express certain views, you are far less likely to achieve results if you are breaking into someone else’s house.”

Judge Johnston granted the absolute discharge to Beck and all other charges against the group were withdrawn. ■



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Play and Pray Haiti Fundraiser: Kids Raise over \$2,000

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

The Lakeside Baptist Church played host to a fundraiser on January 29th to raise money for the Haiti crisis. Kids from grades five to twelve from across the county attended the video party to help those in the Caribbean country. They aimed to raise \$2,000 and 100 per cent of the proceeds will go to the cause.

The youth group at LBC meets on a weekly basis and at the beginning of last year they picked a theme to work along side of projects for the upcoming year: the theme was, 'to do hard things.'

Pastor David Bretzlaff explains that "society has very low expectations for youth; I wanted the kids to take on challenges that would impact on their world. Obviously we heard about Haiti and we wanted to help."

The youth group heard about a girl from their church who instead of receiving presents for her birthday asked for donations to be sent to a leprosy fund. Pastor Dave explains that "we essentially borrowed the idea from her and so decided to throw a video party with a cover charge and the money raised to be sent to Haiti."

The party drew crowds of kids who had party snacks, movies to watch, video games to play and old fashioned games like chequers and ping pong to battle with their friends.

The youth group try and do something special once a month. For Valentines Day they'll be baking cookies and delivering them to seniors. "The point is to make the idea of 'doing hard things' an organic part of their life and being more focused. Playing video games and watching movies is something that they like to do but with a good intention behind it. They learnt from this challenge that it was hard to advertise the party however they did find their way through Facebook," laughs Pastor Dave.

At 9pm they watched a video from a news channel which covered a review of the first week after the earthquake hit in Haiti. It was a chance to stop and remember and so the kids wouldn't forget what the party was in aid for. The money will be given to World Vision to donate to Haiti. Pastor Dave explains that "World Vision already has 450 people in Haiti with several networks in place working on relief and development. They were there before the earthquake happened and that's



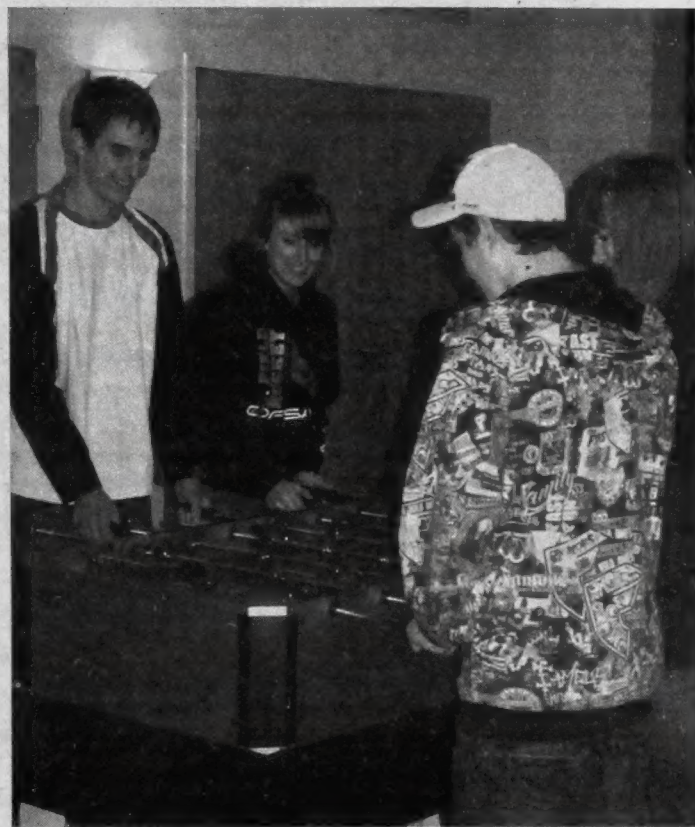
Buddies and Fundraisers Kyle Laverne and Caleb Schmidt.

why we are giving them the money."

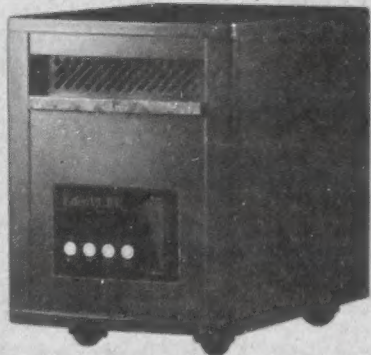
Jashelle Reay who attended the event said that "it's an awesome idea of the youth's group, it's devastating what's happening over there and it's really cool to see all the kids here supporting it and watching them supporting the kids in Haiti too. My sister has a job as a server and last week she told everybody at the restaurant she was working at that she was giving all her tips to Haiti, she raised \$90, I'm really proud of her for doing that."

Kara Pogue who attends the youth group and said "it's really scary what's happening over there, I wanted to come to the event and show support for it. The video party is a good idea, it helps to draw the crowds in. Our High School did a high five campaign last week and we managed to raise over \$3,000."

Lakeside Baptist Church and kids from across the county showed that you don't have to do a lot to make an impression and that's something they proved was true after they managed to raise approximately \$2,500. ■



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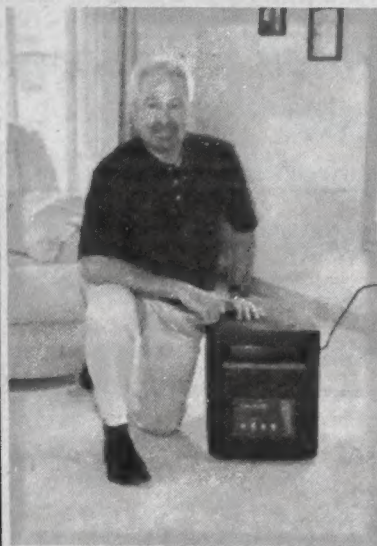


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Local Volunteers to Travel to Haiti to Help

A group of enthusiastic and determined men from Haliburton will soon be making their way to Haiti to help with a water project. Wade Woodward from the Pump Shop and four others hope to fly out in just a few short weeks.

The Haliburton team will be fixing repairs on wells damaged from the earthquake plus repairs to wells that were not functioning prior to the natural disaster. Existing wells in smaller villages have become overwhelmed with people who have sought refuge from the devastation of cities such as Port-au-Prince, in turn creating more havoc.

The group which comprises of Wade's son Jesse, John Beachli, Alan Gordon and Clay Glecoff had hoped to fly to the Caribbean country today. However transportation issues meant that they couldn't leave as soon as they wanted to. Wade explains that "there is very little gas or vehicles over there.

People have been walking to the border and bringing back jugs of gas from the Dominican just to get by. We don't want to get to Haiti and then not be able to drive to the places where we have to go to. It is very hard to get commercial flights into Haiti, we were meant to be flown in with the military."

For now it means sitting tight and raising the money to cover the cost of the trip. To send the team to Haiti will cost approximately \$20,000.

The team were asked by Barry Hart the founder of Water Ambassadors of Canada to travel to Haiti which have partnered with EDGE Outreach. EDGE works with individuals and organisations to offer training in sustainable water solutions, hand pump repair, vision clinics and local humanitarian efforts. EDGE already had a mission house set up in Haiti prior to the earthquake. Wade has known Barry for a number of years, and says, "Barry knew that I was in the water business so it just slotted together."

The team will be spending 10 days in Haiti which amounts to fixing one well per day depending on the severity of the damage. They hope to fly out to Haiti a further two or three times to help with the on-going efforts.

Wade and his other son Jacob were in Haiti just a month before the earthquake struck where they were also helping with well repairs. Wade says that "the need for well repairs then was huge but since the earthquake happened the need has now manifested."

The Haitian trip won't be the first for Wade; he had travelled to Guatemala in 2005 with his son Jesse to drill wells there. "Going to places like these is a life-changing experience, it's an eye opener. A week before we went to Guatemala a kid had died from the unsafe drinking water" says Wade.

Wade explained that 60 per cent of the wells in Haiti have pumps which aren't working which results in nearly a fifty fifty draw to whether they'll have safe drinking water in their area.

Another challenge the team will face once they are in Haiti is getting to the villages. Wade says that "it might not necessarily take a while to fix a well however the length of travelling



From left: Jesse Woodward stands in the Pump shop next to his father Wade, John Beachli and Clay Glecoff. Pictured without Alan Gordon.

to these places will take a while. We spent an hour and a half on a goat path once just trying to get to another town."

John Beachli, one of the team members, has been on numerous mission trips before. In fact, his first one was some 20 years ago. He has spent time in countries such as Nicaragua, India and Guatemala. John says that "I actually sent a note to Barry about going to Haiti. It's important to me that I share my abilities with people who need it. I've never been on a trip that hasn't been interesting."

The group will be bringing a well camera over to Haiti which means that their work load will lighten a little with the use of the camera. It works with a camera and a light extending down into the well so they can asses the damage.

The trip won't just be back breaking for the men; it'll also take courage when witnessing the devastation of the aftermath of the earthquake. Wade says that it'll be "very hard but it's something you have to prepare yourself for."

Anyone wishing to donate to the team's trip to Haiti can do so at the Pump Shop located at 41 Maple Avenue, Haliburton. All donations will be recognised with an official tax receipt from the Water Ambassadors of Canada. Anyone wishing to donate directly to Water Ambassadors of Canada can do so by calling 1-877-988-4688. You must indicate that your donation is for the Haliburton Haiti Water Relief Team. ■

Zoe Cittern

Staff Reporter

\$5,500 in Fines for Deer-Hunting Offences

Three men have been fined a total of \$5,500 for a range of deer-hunting offences.

John Parkhurst, of Trenton, pleaded guilty and was fined \$750 for hunting without a licence, \$750 for discharging a firearm from a right-of-way for vehicular traffic and \$500 for trespassing for the purpose of hunting. He was also fined \$500 for possession of illegally killed wildlife and \$1,000 for making a false statement to a conservation officer. In addition, his hunting privileges were suspended for a period of two years and his rifle was permanently forfeited to the Crown.

James Parkhurst, of Boulter, Ontario, was also convicted in connection with this investigation. Parkhurst was fined \$500 for using a licence issued to someone else and \$500 for possession of illegally killed wildlife.

Dalton Peel, also of Boulter, was fined \$500 for possession of illegally killed wildlife and \$500 for transporting illegally killed wildlife.

The court heard that on November 10, 2009, a Ministry of Natural Resources Bancroft District conservation officer received an MNR TIPS complaint that John Parkhurst had shot from the roadway in the community of Fort Stewart and taken a deer that was located on private property.

Further investigation by the officer, who received assistance from the ministry's canine unit, revealed that on November 9, 2009, John Parkhurst had shot a doe deer without an antlerless deer licence on private property without permission and while standing on the roadway. Assisted by Dalton Peel, the deer was retrieved from the private property and transported to the residence of James Parkhurst, who assisted in illegally sealing the deer. When questioned early in the investigation, John Parkhurst made false statements about his deer hunting activities.

Justice of the Peace Barry Moran heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Bancroft, on February 2, 2010. ■

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Algonquin Highlands Municipal Summary

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Vote by Mail Process Adopted

Following in the footsteps of other municipalities in the County, Algonquin Highlands recently approved a contract with DataFix (Comprint Systems Inc.) as a mail service provider to accommodate a vote-by-mail process.

In a report to Council, Clerk Angie Bird reported that a by-law authorizing the use of vote-by-mail as an alternate voting method was first passed in 2000. The municipality has used Canada Post as the service provider since that time as it offered the necessary tools to view, correct and change the voters list. However, late last year Canada Post announced that it could no longer offer this service, creating a dilemma for both Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al who had also been using Canada Post.

Bird reported that Minden Hills and Highlands East had both used DataFix successfully in the past and that any problems reported regarding their outer envelope had been resolved. Bird said, "Their program is very user friendly." At a recent Clerks' and Treasurers' meeting, Bird learned that the company provides the largest list of management services offered in Canada.

The Council was faced with the limitations/requirements of a purchasing policy, but Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner commented that the terms of the policy could be overridden if the Council feels it is appropriate. CAO Juanita Dempster advised Council that the policy could be waived in this case as there are a limited number of suppliers and going through a tendering process could mean that the municipality would not be able to meet legislated deadlines which could compromise the use of the vote-by-mail option.

Council authorized staff to execute a memorandum of understanding with DataFix.

Recommendation to Reduce Tipping Fees Defeated

Landfill tipping fees for old appliances and oil tanks (cut in half, empty and dry) will continue to apply in Algonquin Highlands despite the fact that they generate revenue for the municipality.

Brian Whetstone, Manager of Operations suggested to Council that as the Waste Management By-law was about to be amended to remove tipping fees for used tires, it would be a good time to revisit all tipping fees and make some housekeeping changes. Whetstone referred to the days when the municipality had to pay for scrap metal to be taken away. He said, "Now, with a

fairly high value on scrap metal, we're generating revenue from scrap metal and appliances and it doesn't make sense to charge for these items."

The municipality still has to pay to have Freon removed from appliances like fridges and freezers and Whetstone recommended that tipping fees should continue for those appliances. Oil tanks that do not meet the 'split, empty and dry' requirements will not be accepted.

Councillor Don Shortreed was not in agreement, commenting that the cost of operating the landfill was considerable and there had been no complaints about these fees. Councillor Diane Gardner concurred with Shortreed, saying, "At one time there was no value in scrap metal and it could flip back. It might be double dipping but there is a cost associated with moving and controlling the scrap metal that these fees can offset."

Shortreed agreed that the price of scrap metal could bottom out, but Whetstone said, "In trying to make the scrap metal equitable and fair I feel we should remove the fees." Whetstone acknowledged that there are moving and equipment costs, but commented that fees had been withdrawn for tires and electronics. He said, "We'll continue to evaluate our fees as new programs come into place."

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner suggested that the municipality could revert back to charging fees if there is another change in management requirements in the future.

Councillor Carol Moffatt was ambivalent on the subject and Shortreed said, "We will be talking about a transfer station and things could change at that time. I don't think we should change the tipping fees now."

Noting that the recommendation didn't have the full support of Council, a resolution to reduce the fees was defeated.

Meanwhile, as the contract for landfill attendant services expired at the end of March, a resolution was passed authorizing the tendering of this service for all five landfills for a one year period with a provision that would allow the contract to be extended for an additional year to a maximum of three times. Whetstone commented that the costs for waste disposal are second only to roads when it comes to municipal responsibility. He said, "There are a lot of detailed requirements now."

The contract has been updated to include the requirements of new programs that have been introduced over the past several years.

Dorset Recreation Centre in Hot Water

There will be no shortage of hot water during the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival this year after Council approved the acquisition of a new hot water tank. Recreation Coordinator Melissa Alfano made the recommendation to purchase a new tank that services the showers and upstairs dishwasher in advance of the budget being finalized in order to avoid any emergencies during the carnival.

According to Alfano, the tank has been problematic for some time, emitting a nasty sulphur smell and failing to provide hot water when needed. A recent inspection showed considerable erosion and a number of elements burnt out. In response to a suggestion that the water at the recreation centre be tested, Alfano confirmed that a water softener had been installed, but the corrosion had already taken place prior to that time. A simple replacement of three elements was considered to be a very temporary fix, and Council approved the approximate \$3500 dollar purchase.

Special Field Markers Ordered for Airport

The Council has agreed to acquire special airport field markers in advance of the upcoming winter Fly-in on February 20th and 21st. Airport Manager John Packer said that the markers were necessary to delineate the snow runway from the main runway. According to Packer the main runway could have bare patches which are not favourable if landing on skis.

Packer reported that last year cones had been borrowed for the event. He said the cones could be seen from some distance and could be used to designate ditches or alternate landing areas during the remainder of the year for the MNR, police or military helicopters. "If the new paving goes forward we will have to close the runway and could use these markers at the threshold." The alternative would be renting a machine that places a large 'X' at the end of the runway at a cost of \$400 a day.

According to Packer last year there were eight or nine aircraft on skis that could not have used the runway. "We designate an area, pack the snow and mark it as a place for safe landing."

When Packer confirmed that the cost had been included in the 2010 budget, that he had nothing to use as an alternate, Council agreed with the \$4,200 purchase.

OPP to Host Community Meetings

The OPP will be hosting a meeting in Dorset to introduce their 'Community Mobilization Program.' According to Staff Sergeant Malcolm Quigley, as part of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment's strategy to inform the public on continuing problems like illicit use, manufacturing and distribution of drugs as well as ongoing break and enters, they would like to partner with each of the municipalities to organize community meetings.

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner, who sits on the CPAC committee, said "This will be valuable information. They'll have suggestions about making properties safer or things to look out for. As well, there will be other partners like Victim Impact Services and representatives from Crime Stoppers." Gardner said that, while it would be a new thing, as part of their partnership, the municipality should offer a place to hold the meetings. Council agreed that Dorset would be a good central location.

Councillor Carol Moffatt said, "This would be a good opportunity for us to see how we can protect ourselves, particularly in secluded areas."

A resolution was passed supporting the efforts of the OPP. ■

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Farmers Market Reps Address Transient Trader By-law

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

"Non-produce vendors are integral to the success of the farmers' market." That's what Haliburton Farmers' Market Association Chair Angel Taylor told the Dysart Council this week. Taylor and association member Bob Smith were at the Council meeting on Monday to address concerns raised about licensing through the municipality's Transient Trader By-law.

Last fall By-law Enforcement Officer Matthew Aldom wrote to the association outlining several issues that had been overlooked during the first year of the farmers' market. It was Aldom's intention that these issues could be addressed at the organization's end of season meeting, but they ended up on Council's plate for consideration.

Aldom had detailed the requirement for transient traders (any person who goes from place to place to sell goods or services on an intermittent or one time basis) to obtain a licence. He said that some of the market vendors were selling products that would require a licence and offered the suggestion that the association could take out an annual licence for \$500 that would cover all of the vendors that would normally need individual licences at the cost of \$500 each or \$100 for a single event. Aldom also raised concerns about the need to obtain a sign permit to conform to the municipal sign by-law.

Smith talked about the economic benefit that the farmers' market brought to Haliburton, saying that the benefits far outweighed the fees that would be gained in licensing. He said, "These figures aren't just pulled out of a hat. They're based on research by the Ontario Farmer's Market."

According to Smith, last year 30 of the 34 vendors were from Haliburton County. "Of the outsiders, only one came for the entire event. A number of our customers asked for more variety or we would not have included any out of County vendors."

Smith said that 60 percent of their participants were produce vendors. "To put a face on some of the people that are not produce vendors, there are two categories; food producers (like bakers) and artisans. Smith said that five of their 34 vendors were artisans. He spoke of one young woman who had considered baking, but she had found the \$100 licence fee for a single event very difficult to justify.

Smith said that farmers markets were springing up across the province with fourteen new markets last year. "So far in 2010 ten more markets are planned for the summer with one in Bobcaygeon and another in Lakefield." He said that in many cases people didn't come as true business vendors but to meet and support a community need.

Taylor explained how their association decided who should participate. "We don't want a flea market and we developed a constitution early in the process. We looked at dozens of guidelines and constitutions to ensure that we had the right mix and quality of products."

In the association's letter to Council Taylor wrote, "We exercise diligence in selecting non-produce vendors who offer their own locally produced, edible products and handcrafted items."

She said that some of the artisans that would be captured by the transient trader by-law had been approached by several businesses in the area. Taylor also said that the organization doesn't permit reselling, which is the flavour of a flea market. "People must produce what they sell."

"Most of the producers are local farmers but we will be establishing a verification process called 'My Pick.'"

According to Taylor participating farmers would be visited and the fact that they are actually producing would be verified by the Ontario Farmers Market. "All 2010 vendors must be My Pick verified," she said.

Taylor confirmed that many of the farm vendors sell products that could be categorized as non edible. As examples she listed items like lambskin or wool. She also said that farmers often sell pies made with rhubarb from their farm and asked if that placed them in violation of the transient trader by-law.

Despite Aldom suggesting a blanket fee to cover all the vendors that would require a licence, Taylor and Smith proposed that the municipality waive the fees for the 2010 market entirely. According to Taylor, the licensing fees would capture and send a punitive message to most, if not all, of the vendors.

In their letter to Council Taylor wrote that no other municipality in the province with a farmers' market (now numbering 165) imposed a licensing fee, adding that many municipalities actually subsidize their farmers' markets. She wrote, "We understand from speaking with a number of other artisans who participate in fairs and events in Haliburton Village that they don't have to purchase a license; indeed not one of them has ever heard of the transient trader by-law. We are puzzled as to why the vendors in our farmers' market, more than 90 percent of whom come from the County, are subject to this by-law," and asked if other vendors at events such as Arts in the park were expected to pay the same fees.

Taylor said, "We would like to improve communications with the community, to have ex officio members on our board get to know us better and see how our process works. We're willing to meet with the Chamber of Commerce as well and improving

communications across the board can only be beneficial.

Reeve Murray Fearrey said, "The Transient Traders' By-law was brought in to protect business people who pay taxes year round; to protect them from people from outside the community coming in and doing a blitz of sales."

Fearrey said that one of the things Council needed to clarify was how the association chose the artisans.

Smith said that the artisans had applied to participate, adding that the only applications they had received were from the people who had participated last year; he stressed that the majority of vendors had to be local farmers.

Fearrey said, "That is the grey area." Fearrey said there had been concerns raised about the transient traders, particularly those selling jewellery and asked how their product fit in.

Taylor responded that the board had looked at quality and variety when choosing. Councillor Janis Parker said that artists abound in the community and it wouldn't be fair for some to have to pay stiff fees to participate in events like Art in the park while others do not have to pay. "That's why we have an Arts Council." Parker then suggested that the selection process could be part of the Arts Council's role. This suggestion was very well received by both Smith and Taylor.

Smith commented that it would be wonderful to have too many artists to choose from.

Taylor said that they needed a clear definition of what was meant by 'artisans.' She said, "We've had soap, drums, baked goods, musical instruments and leather work as well as one person making jewellery who didn't come back."

Fearrey assured Smith and Taylor that Council did not wish to be confrontational, adding that there seemed to be answers needed

on both sides of the fence. He asked them to provide a list of their criteria.

Discussion then turned to a site for this year. Smith said that they would not know for another month if they could use space at Roberts Marina. This was a matter of concern as the association needs to plan ahead, work on advertising and even have an idea of how many applications they could entertain depending on space availability.

Councillor Andrea Roberts referred to the need for two large marketing tents to be left up for the season. "That might become an issue," but Smith said that having the large tents was part of the attraction for some of the vendors who could take part without having to set up each week.

"This market is enormously successful for the size of our community and one of the attractions was offering the tents," said Smith.

Fearrey commented that he might have found a good spot for the farmers market, but he couldn't disclose the location for another week. "If that fails, we'll look at public land. We'll try to work out the details with the information you provide."

Smith said, "We don't want to minimize the importance of the artisans. They are a very important part of the farmers' market, particularly when some produce isn't available during certain times in the season."

Taylor said, "We're trying to get the market to work and be a good fit in the community." To this, Fearrey agreed that there had to be a balance. "We want people to shop downtown as well."

And things were left at that with no formal decision on the fees. ■

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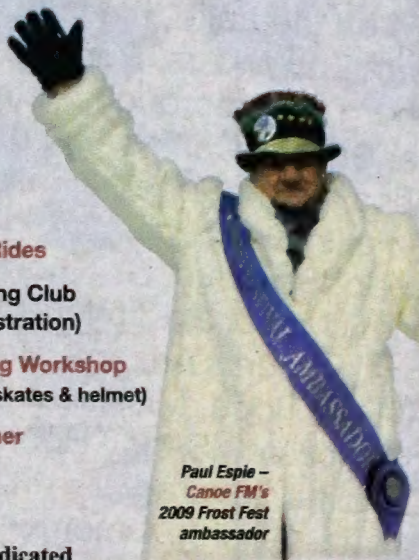


Schedule of Events

- 8 - 12 Lions Club **Pancake Breakfast** (at the Legion) - \$5.00/person
- 9 - 2 Municipality **Public Skating**
- 10 - 4 Municipality **Ice Slide**
- 10 - 4 Dysart Volunteer Firefighters **Snack Shack**
Beaver Tails & Hot Drink Combo - \$4.00/person
- 10 - 2 HCSA **Snowmobile Scavenger Hunt** Starts at High School
- 10 - 12 Fleming College **Art Attack**
- 11 - 2 Rotary's **Pony Rides**
- 11 - 3 BIA **Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride**
- 12 - 3 Bridge Youth Group
Winter Games
- 1 - 3 Rails End **Art Attack**
(Pinhole Camera Photography)
- 1 - 3 Camp Wanakita
Snowshoe Games
- 1 - 3 Winterdance **Dogsled Rides**
- 2 - 3 Haliburton Figure Skating Club
Figure Skating (Demonstration)
- 3 - 4 The Echo **Power Skating Workshop**
(Participants must supply skates & helmet)
- 5 - 7 Legion **Roast Beef Dinner**
- \$15.00/person

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Pancake Breakfast (\$)

8 am - noon

Start your day off with a warm breakfast! The Haliburton Lions Club will prepare this delicious breakfast and get you ready for the fun ahead. \$5 per person includes pancakes, sausage, orange juice, tea, coffee and real maple syrup supplied by Waverly Brook Farms.

This event is sponsored by the Haliburton Lions Club.
Location: Haliburton Legion Branch 129

Skating Pond - 9 am - 2 pm

Join us at the rink in Head Lake Park for some skating fun. Bring your skates and show off your skills!
Location: Head Lake Park

Kids Ice Slide

10 am - 4 pm

A huge hit! Kids will love this slide constructed entirely of snow and ice. Sliding equipment will be provided. Frost Festival volunteers will be at the site, but parents are reminded that they must monitor children at all times. This event is sponsored by the Municipality of Dysart et al.
Location: Head Lake Park

Snack Car (\$) - 10 am - 4 pm

Stop by to fill up on hot drinks and beaver tails to keep you warm throughout the day! Cost is \$4 for hot chocolate and beaver tail combo. This event is sponsored by the Dysart et al Volunteer Firefighters. Proceeds will be split between the Dysart Volunteer Firefighters and the Haliburton Iditarod Team. Location: Head Lake Park
Website: www.railsendgallery.com

Snowmobile Scavenger Hunt

10 am - 2 pm

Designed as a family event over a short route (under 50km) with lots of treasure to collect and questions to answer! You will be given a route sheet with directions. Along the way you will be required to find treasure or answer questions. The person with all the treasure and all the answers correct will be the winner! Please bring a shopping bag and a pencil with you. Meet at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) parking lot at 10am for registration. Stop by the HCSA Repair Facility on Mallard Road for an Open House (from 11am to 2pm) to give you a chance to meet members of the executive, have a look at the equipment and enjoy some hot lunch! You must have a valid OFSC trail pass to participate. This event is sponsored by the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association.

Location: Start at the HHSS parking lot
Website: www.hcsa.on.ca

Art Attack with Fleming College

10 am - noon

Fun outdoor art activities for kids!
Presented by Fleming College.
Location: Head Lake Park

Website: www.haliburtonschoolofthearts.ca

Pony Rides - 11 am - 2 pm

Bring the kids for a special pony ride on York Street, just in front of Head Lake Park. Part of the street will be closed to traffic for the Frost Festival.

This event is sponsored by South Algonquin Trails and the Haliburton Rotary Club.
Location: York Street
Website: www.southalgonquintrails.com

Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides

11 pm - 3 pm

Enjoy a leisurely ride along the lake on a horse-drawn sleigh! This event is sponsored by the Haliburton BIA.
Location: pick up in Head Lake Park

Winter Games with Youth Unlimited

12 pm - 3 pm

Fun and Games with Youth Unlimited, including a laundry basket snow race and obstacle course, hockey shoot out and a mitt and glove throw. This event is sponsored by Youth Unlimited, The Bridge Youth Centre.

Location: Head Lake Park.
Website: www.youthunlimitedkaw.com

Art Attack with Rails End Gallery

1 pm - 3 pm

Pinhole Camera Photography workshop presented by the Rails End Gallery. Location: Head Lake Park
Website: www.railsendgallery.com

Snowshoe Relay Race & Games Kids

will want to join in the fun with snowshoe relay races and other games provided by YMCA Camp Wanakita - the experts in outdoor fun!

This event is sponsored by the YMCA Camp Wanakita.
Location: Head Lake Park
Website: www.ymcahb.on.ca

Children's Dog Sled Rides

1 pm - 3 pm

Winterdance Dogsled Tours will be bringing two teams of purebred Siberian Huskies to give children short dogsled rides around the playground in Head Lake Park. Be sure to bring your camera to get pictures of your little ones with the huggable friendly Huskies! To read about Winterdance's Huskies visit their website and click on "Meet the Huskies!"

This event is sponsored by Winterdance Dog Sled Tours.
Location: Head Lake Park
Website: www.winterdance.com

Figure Skating Demonstrations

2 pm - 3 pm

Marvel at the grace and beauty! The Haliburton Figure Skating Club will demonstrate some of the numbers they will present at their Annual Ice Show.

This event is sponsored by the Haliburton Figure Skating Club. Location: Head Lake Park, Ice Rink

Roast Beef Dinner (\$)

5 pm - 7 pm, Doors open at 4 pm

End the day with a delicious feast! The Royal Canadian Legion is hosting a Roast Beef dinner with mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, dessert and tea or coffee for \$15.00. Dinner is served between 5 and 7, but come early and browse the silent auction items on display. Tickets are \$15 and available for advance purchase at the Legion club room or call 705-457-2571.

This event is a fundraiser for the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 129, Haliburton.
Location: Haliburton Legion ■



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Family Day Weekend Events

The upcoming Family Day Weekend in the Haliburton Highlands is full to the brim with fun winter events so you can make the most of spending time with your family and friends.

There is something for everybody; from art shows and poem recitals to fundraising events to good ole fashioned winter games: a real wealth of choices.

Winter activities

Head Lake Park in Haliburton on Saturday is playing host to the second annual Frost Festival. Start your day off with pancakes at the Legion at 8am and then walk down to the park where numerous activities await you all day long. Sponsored by Dysart et al, Frost Festival is a completely free event. Public skating, dog sled and pony rides, snowshoe games, a horse drawn sleigh ride and an ice slide are a few of the activities you'll want to try out. See accompanying schedule for details.

The 9th Annual Dog Sled Derby will be held on Saturday and Sunday at the Pinestone Resort. Started in 2002 by Winterdance dog sled tours, mushers from across the world flock to Haliburton to take part in the action. Come and cheer on your favourite team as young and old alike take part in the event.

On Saturday and Sunday the annual Minden ice races are continuing at the Minden fairgrounds where you can watch all the action take place.

Winterfest at Minden Community Centre will be covering the family day weekend with tons of events. It begins with the Winterfest Minden photo contest. View the photos and vote for People's Choice at the Agnes Jamieson Art Gallery on Friday and Saturday from 10am to 5pm. The photos will also be at the Minden Hills Community Centre on Sunday from 1pm to 8pm and then on Monday from 8am to 4pm.

Sunday Winterfest Activities

Winterfest will be hosting a chili competition from 3pm to 6pm. Taste some amazing chili recipes created by over 12 local restaurants, clubs, businesses, and groups. \$5 gets you five tastings and then you vote for your favourite. While you eat from 5.30pm onwards watch at the Minden arena as the Minden Figure Skating Club showcases their competition routines.

From 9am to 4pm on Sunday there is a day of curling fun. From 9am for an hour there is a free clinic for new players or for those who just need a stretch. Games start at 10am, noon, 2pm and 4pm. Sign up as a whole team or as a single player. Cheer on Minden's Special Olympic Team the Red Wolves. It's \$10 per player per game. Call Lynda Litwin 286-2911 ext 35 to sign up.

On Sunday a snowball tournament will commence at the Minden Ball Diamond from 8am onwards, to register call Craig Smith 286-3013. If you fancy something a little more tame then there is family skating from 11am to 1pm at the Minden Arena on Sunday and Monday.

Monday Winterfest Activities

Frisbee SnowGolf, Minnow races, a chance to try snowshoeing and tobogganing will all start at 9am at the Minden Community Centre, all of which are completely free.

Broomball will start at the Minden Arena from 1pm to 3pm. The event is free but bring clean indoor shoes and a hockey helmet.

Bring your kids to the horse wagon rides from noon until three outside the Minden arena.

From three onwards race the clock and your friends on the Kinsmen Clubs Ice Track at the Minden Fairgrounds, another free event.

Snowmobile events

Snowmobiling events include a scavenger hunt part of Frost Fest, hosted by the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association. Starting at 10am on Saturday from the High School, you'll collect data along the route which is under 50km and ends at the HCSA shop. Afterwards feast on a free barbeque.

On Sunday there will be the grand opening of the new snowmobile bridge in Minden at 1pm, where members of the HCSA and Minden Hills Municipal officials will collect and congratulate everyone on the work that went into it.

Fundraising Fun

The YWCA and Haliburton Emergency Rural Safespace are hosting a Banish your Blues Event at the Pinestone Resort on February 13th. It kicks off at 6pm with blues duo Rick Fines and Suzie Vinnick singing the night away. Along with a sumptuous buffet dinner, a silent auction and a live auction of altered art it's sure to be a memorable night in support of a great organisation.

McKeck's Blue-Line is having a fundraising event on Sunday the 14th where they will be auctioning off the items from the restaurant before the renovations were completed. Patrons of McKecks will have a chance to be the auctioneer for the evening as bar stools, chairs and other items will all be up for grabs. The proceedings start at 4pm with a band to follow. Entry is by donation and all proceeds go to the Blue Line.

Dawson's Game will be played at the Minden Community Centre on Valentine's Day in memory of Minden's little hero, Dawson Hamilton, who lost his battle with leukemia earlier this year. A hockey game will be played between the Minden Fire Department and the local OPP. They watched as Dawson underwent many tests and procedures, always with a smile on his face. Come out and cheer on our local firefighters and policemen and celebrate Dawson's Game. The puck drops at 7 p.m. There will be a fifty, fifty draw as well as a chuck-a-puck competition during intermission.

As Lent is soon approaching Minden firefighters will be serving pancakes on Family Day from 8am to 11am at the Minden Community Centre. If that's not enough fluffy goodness for you there is also a pancake supper at St. George's Anglican Church on February 16th from 5pm to 7pm which will be served at the Haliburton Legion Hall.

Art/music

If you'd prefer to stay inside this weekend then there are still a whole host of activities for your enjoyment. For the kids bring them to McKecks on Family Day so they can see Snow White and her dwarfs perform on stage. You must purchase tickets in advance from the restaurant as McKecks can only hold 100 kids.

Local artist Noelia Marziali will be showcasing a series of paintings exploring the dynamics of love on Valentines Day. The Heritage House Café in Haliburton will be playing host to the artwork. Bring a loved one, fall in love, whatever strikes you. Come down to the café and explore the unique and distinguishing art on display. Cozy up with a hot chocolate as you look at the romantic art. Be there for 7pm.

Dancers and choreographers Jackie McChesney and Daniela Pagliaro, along with young performers Jessica Karaguesian and Nadia Pagliaro, invite you to be part of Contemporary Dance in the community as they transform the wintery outdoors into a dusk-lit stage. On Saturday at 5:45 pm, bring your bundled bodies to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre grounds. Experience a site specific dance performance where the historic Bowron House is the backdrop and the snowy ground the stage. Enjoy a cup of hot cocoa with the performers in the cultural centre afterwards and then head down to the Dominion afterwards for poetry and panache brought to you by the Dead Poets Society.

If you fancy doing something different to the usual dinner and a movie on Valentines Day then make your way down to Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. They'll be hosting a mini concert at their gallery at 7pm. The concert named Baroque and Blue will feature Tom Regina and Lauren McInnes; their style is a mix of ranges from J.S Bach and Mozart to George Gershwin and Claude Bolling. Tickets can be purchased at the gallery, over the phone or on their website. ■

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Dog Sled Races Cont'd...

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Ontario, both as a means to increase the exposure of Haliburton along with a fun weekend to welcome mushers to our part of the world. It would also give an economic boost to the area in the winter" comments Tanya McCready-Bruin co-owner of Winterdance.

The race includes categories such as skijoring, kidd and mutt, youth, and four, six and eight dog races.

The race, although organised

by Winterdance, is a not-for-profit event that is sponsored by several businesses in the area. There is a \$10,000 purse which is distributed amongst the mushers who place. The award money is collected from the sponsors. The race runs on approximately a \$15,000 budget which includes the purse, advertising, insurance, race sanctioning fees, trophies and awards, race officials, grooming etc.

Tanya comments that "we started out by offering the biggest purse in Ontario and a healthy part of that went to the purebred teams which was unheard of. Since then several other communities have increased their purses to match ours and have increased the size of their race. They have been fortunate to receive public funding to do so, but to date we have not been successful in raising public funds. Our race has grown due to the generosity of the local business community. Unfortunately with the economy as it is and losing several large sponsors this year, the future of the race is a little uncertain at the moment."

Tanya's four children who range in ages from two to ten will all be competing in the races. Their youngest two will be racing in the Kidd and Mutt category and their older boys will be in the youth races or hoping to branch out to compete in the four dog race. In total eight dogs from Winterdance kennels will be at the races. Hank DeBruin will be bringing his Iditarod team for people to meet them.

The Dog Sled Derby is a way for the Highlands to showcase its beauty and it's certainly a wonderful Haliburton tradition that hopefully will continue for years to come, and brings with it significant benefits for the entire local community.

Visit www.winterdance.com/race to find out the schedule of the races. It is completely free for visitors to watch. ■

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Visible Voices

By Zoe Cittern

Art and friendship was celebrated on Tuesday this week when work from a new project was on display at the Haliburton Hospital.

Visible Voices is a new initiative to connect seniors with their community through art making. Senior participants were partnered with senior volunteers to create art. The primary aim of the program was to maintain and enhance a sense of dignity, reduce feelings of isolation, promote social well-being and contribute to successful aging and life satisfaction.

Participants over the age of 55 were teamed up with a volunteer and for one hour a week over 11 weeks art was formed and friendships forged. The volunteers visited seniors in Hyland Crest and Highland Wood as well as travelling to the participant's homes. Art materials were supplied and the volunteers aided the participants with possible ideas for their work.

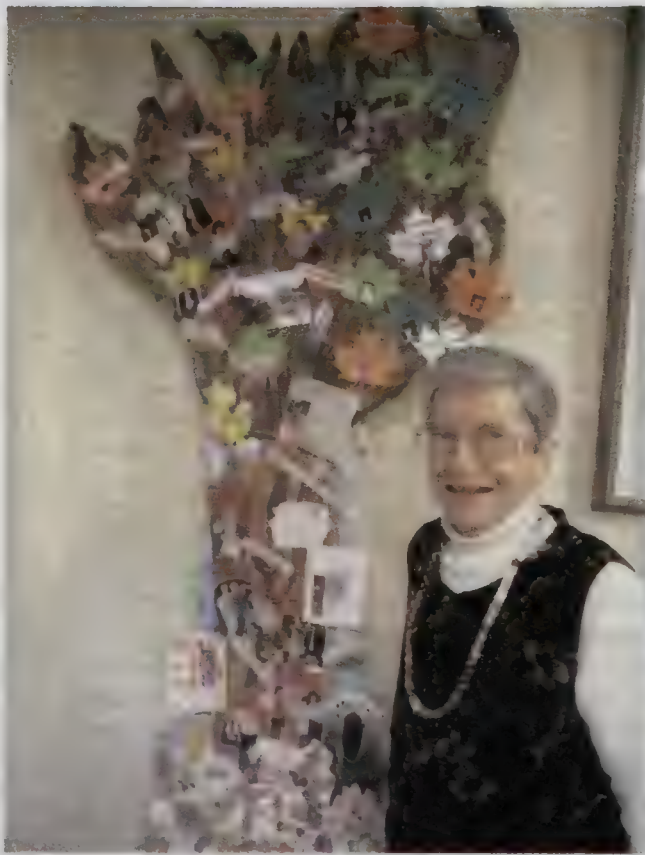
Fay Wilkinson, the founder of the program, wanted to design the program for seniors because "I felt that there was a real need for something like this. It wasn't so much about the end product but more about the journey along the way."

The artwork on display covered a multitude of different forms including collages, sculptures, paintings, drawings etc.

Over 140 hours went into the program and they travelled over 3,000 kms over the period to the seniors homes. Thirteen participants were involved and nine volunteers.

One noticeable piece was a large cut out tree covered with family photographs. The creator behind the project, Lottie Rutten explains "it starts with birthday cards from my 80th birthday at the bottom and photographs of my family members at the top section. Family has always been very important to me. I have a big family but we are still very close." Lottie worked with Bailey Renshaw her volunteer who helped her formed the idea of the family tree.

Fay got in contact with Lottie about working on the project. Lottie explains how the program worked for her: "I had never done anything with art before. I made a friend in the process of doing this and that's really very important to me. Creating the art gave me a new lease on life and I had a real joy of making it."



Pictured on the left: Lottie Rutten stands next to her 'Family Tree' which she created with Bailey Renshaw as part of the Visible Voices project. Pictured on the right: Fay Wilkinson, the founder of Visible Voices, thanks the crowd for their support for the program.

Fay hopes to use the art as part of a travelling exhibition around Haliburton County. Fay says that she has a "sincere desire to keep the program going in one way or another. So many great relationships and conversations have formed since the program started."

Stella Voisin, chair of the Arts Council's education committee, who went to Tuesday's event commented "I'm quite impressed by the vision of it all. It's a wonderful idea and I've heard from volunteers who've said how amazing it's been for them. It really shows that art can bring people together and permits us to grow and share."

The program was supported by HCDC, the Arts Council, U-Links, New Horizons for Seniors, Trent/Fleming School of Nursing and the Haliburton School of the Arts. ■

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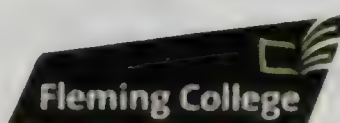
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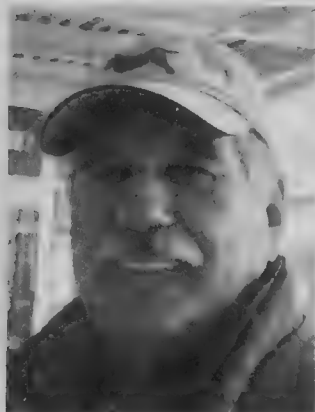
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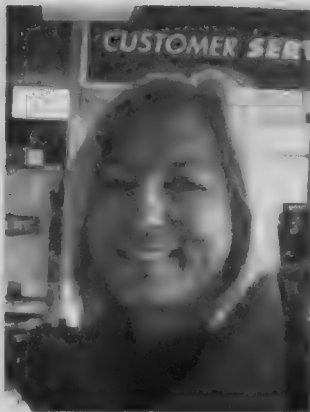
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There will be six more weeks of winter according to the Groundhogs in Ontario, do you believe in the groundhog tradition or simply believe it's just for fun? Are you unhappy that there won't be an early spring according to the groundhogs?



Bill Adams, Minden

It's stupid; it has nothing to do with the weather, it's not something I believe in. I've never watched it before on the TV. I don't mind the winter at all, we're Canadians, we live in a winter country if we didn't like it we'd move to Florida! I like snowshoeing in the winter and exploring areas you can't get to in the summer months.



Brenda Coty, Haliburton

I do believe in it, even though there will always be six more weeks of winter but you can still have a little bit of hope left! It's something to look forward to in the winter. I definitely wish that spring would come earlier but I still like the winter it's just a little too long here.



Fern Timbers, Haliburton

My husband was actually born on 2nd February (Groundhog Day). We do believe in it, it's just a bit of fun in the winter and we watch it most years on the television. You're talking to the wrong person about winter! I don't want anymore that's for sure.



Scott Vineham, Minden

It depends on what he says, I don't believe in it though. I can't say I like the thought of winter being any longer though I do like to ride in the season. I like the spring and summer a lot more, it's my work season then too.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Warming Reflection

Painting the roofs of urban buildings white on a massive scale could help cool cities during summer and mitigate some impacts of climate change, according to a new study. "Our research demonstrates that white roofs, at least in theory, can be an effective method for reducing urban heat," says U.S. National Center for Atmospheric Research scientist Keith Oleson, the lead author of the study. Writing in *Geophysical Research Letters*, Oleson points out that asphalt roads, tar roofs, and other artificial surfaces absorb heat from the sun, creating an urban heat island effect that can raise temperatures on average by 2 to 5 degrees Fahrenheit or more compared to rural areas. Painting roofs white would reflect some of that heat back into space and cool temperatures, much as wearing a white shirt on a sunny day can make you feel cooler than wearing a dark shirt. The study suggests that if every urban roof were painted white, it would cool the world's cities an average of about 0.7 degrees Fahrenheit.

Fiery Eruption

Local officials in western Pakistan report a volcano has begun to spew lava in the district of Ziarat of Balochistan province. District Coordinator Officer Siddiq Mandokhel told *The Nation* that lava spewed from a volcano: "I myself visited Jhari and examined the mountain and found 1 meter (3 feet) lava has been spewed." Nearby residents claimed flaming fumes could be seen atop the mountain for several nights before the lava emerged. All volcanoes but one in Pakistan are listed as mud volcanoes, which are not fed by lava. Natural gas venting is a frequent occurrence at mud volcanoes — a possible explanation for the reports of fiery fumes and apparent lava.

DNA Safeguard

Taiwan says it plans to use a database of DNA samples from whales and dolphins to prosecute poachers who sell meat of the marine mammals. All species of whales and dolphins are protected in Taiwan. Hsia Jung-sheng from the Council of Agriculture says DNA analysis can prove the meat is from marine mammals even if the poachers remove all skin, head and fins before sending it to market. "Using molecular biotechnology, experts can easily pin down the species of whales or dolphins even if the sample is just a scrap of meat," said Jung-sheng.

Tropical Cyclones

More than 600 tourists stranded on Bora Bora were forced to take shelter in three fortified resorts as passing Cyclone Oli's 90-mph winds halted air and ferry service. Island residents huddled in schools and government buildings.

• Minimal Cyclone Fami drenched southern parts of Madagascar as it moved across the island after forming over the Mozambique Channel.

Earthquakes

One person was killed and 15 others were injured in southwest China's Sichuan province by a 5.2 magnitude quake that damaged thousands of homes.

• Late reports from Sumatra say hundreds of buildings were damaged on Jan. 28 by a 4.8 magnitude quake centered in Aceh province.

• Earth movements were also felt in New Zealand's Bay of Plenty region, the southern Philippines, northeastern Japan, the U.S. Yellowstone National Park and along the Southern California-Baja coast from San Diego to Tijuana.

Drying vs. Warming

A slight drying of parts of Earth's upper atmosphere over the past decade may explain why global surface temperatures didn't warm as quickly over the past 10 years as they did during the 1980s and 1990s. The U.S. agency NOAA says that while its researchers haven't discovered why there was a 10 percent drop in water vapor in the lower stratosphere since 2000, its effect on surface temperatures is clear. Senior scientist Susan Solomon wrote in the journal *Science* that the drying caused surface temperatures to increase about 25 percent more slowly than they would have otherwise under the influence of increasing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses. Current climate models don't reflect this influence.

Leg of the Toad

A critically endangered marsupial native to Australia and Papua New Guinea is now the subject of aversion therapy to prevent it from eating an invasive amphibian that can poison it to death. Cane toads have spread across northern Australia by the millions since they were introduced in 1935 to combat a sugarcane pest. But the giant hoppers have wrecked the local ecology, killing quolls and other native species. Now researchers from Sydney University and the Territory Wildlife Park are preparing sausages made of cane toad legs and laced with a chemical that will make the quolls very sick, but not kill them. It appears that a quarter of the quolls made ill by eating the sausages now associate the experience with the smell of toad, and won't go near the hoppers. Scientists hope the repulsion will be passed on to the quolls' offspring.

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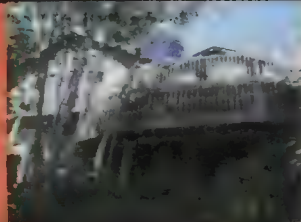


Pigeon Lake - \$249,000

New listing on pristine Pigeon Lake, just south of Minden. Immaculately kept three bedroom fully winterized cottage/home. Features include: stone fireplace with air tight insert, pine throughout, three bedrooms, main floor laundry, sauna, large hot tub, garage/workshop with sundeck above, new deck and dock on lakeside. Very private lot with 4 acres and wonderful southwest vistas. Superb fishing, snowmobiling and hiking await



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Kennisis Lake - \$479,000

Terraced property w/ remarkable stone pathway to the lake, surrounded by natural vegetation, to water. 105 ft of gorgeous sand beach, open view. The cottage is fully insulated with UV system. Winter water would be easily installed in the winter room already prepared in the full unfinished basement. Features: hardwood flrs, oak kitchen, triple glazed windows, exceptional lighting inside & out, all round decks, cedar cathedral ceiling, heat lamp, vibrant colours. The peace & tranquility is immeasurable here.



Kennisis Lake Chain - \$419,700

Enjoy gentle elevation & good sun. At 5:30 in the evening there is still sun on the dock. The cottage has Western cedar siding w asphalt shingles, partly on piers and partly with a perimeter wall for storage & warmth. Wood stove & electric BB heat along w heated winter waterlines, 4 season use. Interior cedar & maple hardwood flrs w a contemporary maple kitchen & carpet bedrooms. Sunroom across the front of the building & screened porch across the back. The insulated bunkie & shed are newer.



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Haliburton Estate Lot - \$99,900

Private estate lot(5.5 acres) located in newer subdivision in village of Haliburton w/spectacular view of Grass and Head Lake. Conveniently located within walking distance to Sir Sandford Fleming College. Cleared site, drilled well, driveway and septic approved.



Location Location CENTURY HOME - \$199,900

Large and well maintained 3 B.R., 2 bath/home in the heart of Haliburton with easy access to all amenities. Situated on corner, landscaped lot w/fenced yard for privacy and lovely gardens. Some features include hardwood oak floors, slate flooring at entrance, main floor laundry and main floor bedroom or office, propane fireplace and carport. Newer windows, roof and furnace. Town sewers. Would be perfect home, rental or home business location.

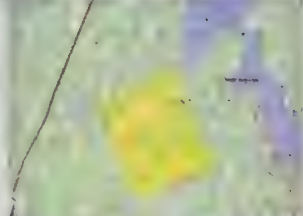


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Hunter Creek Estates - \$99,900

Well built Quebec manufactured home located in Hunter Creek Estates, Mindens adult community. This bright and spacious 3 bdrm home is the only one with a full partially finished basement including workshop, 2 pc bath, and a lovely walkout to the very private back yard. And as an added bonus located at the end of the street. For information call Denise.



200 Acres - \$129,000

Full two hundred acre parcel located close to Minden, an excellent hunting property. Access to Little Bob Lake thru an unopened road allowance for a bit of swimming or fishing. Bordering 100 acre crown lot with a big pond.

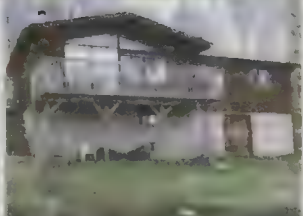


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North Pigeon Lake - \$249,500

Spacious three bedroom Cottage, fully winterized for four season use. Wonderful big lake view with southern exposure. Docking and access to Pigeon Lake across Deep Bay road. Featuring a stone fireplace in the living room, sauna, large hot tub and a detached workshop/garage with sundeck above. Very private four acre property. Newly shingled roof. Excellent fishing, boating and swimming await!!



South Lake - \$269,500

Spacious open concept Viceroy Cottage on popular South Lake. Year round access. Full basement, large deck and fully winterized for four season enjoyment. Conveniently located to Minden and only 2 1/2 hours to the GTA!



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Fred Jones Road - \$124,900

Complete privacy on this property, overlooking a small pond. This 3 bedroom, 1 bath with main floor laundry home is only minutes to the town of Haliburton, or just down the road to public access to Drag Lake.



Starter or Retirement - \$129,900

Great starter or retirement home, centrally located in Wilberforce. Steps away from all amenities, and a short walk to access on Pussey (Dark) Lake. Level lot with large mature trees and a 16'x16' shed. The house has had many recent upgrades. Very neat and well laid out bungalow that shows pride of ownership. You don't want to miss this one!



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Newly Constructed - \$299,000

Residential - Newly constructed home close to town, very private setting. Modern 3+ bdrm home with ensuite off master. Open concept living room/ kitchen w/ pine floors throughout. In floor heating throughout w/ a wood burning FP on main floor. Finish the bsmt to your liking w/ 9' ceilings & 3rd bath roughed in. Circular driveway, drilled well & septic. Insulated Concrete Formed from the ground up.



Residential - \$199,000

Be on the water for less than \$200 Thousand. Enjoy this beautiful level lot, 3 bedroom home or cottage with access to Maple, Grass and Pine Lakes. A perfect first cottage. Also old original cottage exists on property.



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1017 Eagle Lake Rd - \$139,900

Very affordable three bedroom home in the Village of West Guilford close to shopping, skiing, golfing and public beach. Bright and clean with many recent upgrades including shingles, septic, hydro service, insulation and new high efficiency oil furnace all within the last 2-3 years. There is also a single detached garage and a two storey barn/storage building



13198 Hwy. 118 - \$279,900

Totally renovated three bedroom home with double attached garage minutes to the Village of Haliburton. Fabulous open concept design allows for great entertaining in the huge modern kitchen, dining and living room area which has a walkout to the large covered deck. New windows, flooring, lighting and 5 pce. bathroom featuring double sinks. The walkout basement is ready to finish to your own tastes and includes roughed in plumbing for a 2nd bathroom. All this sits on a 8.5 acre lot with tons of room to play and explore



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Hwy 118 - \$139,900

Very affordable, bright and clean 3 bedroom home. Situated on a lovely level lot. Modern, upgraded eat-kitchen. Generous size living room, 4 piece bath, office on the lower level along with the rec room, 4th bedroom and laundry. Basement is partially finished with minimal work to complete. Many upgrades over the past 10 years, high speed internet, drilled well, double detached heated garage. This home is ideal for a starter home, retirement or small family. Priced to Sell!



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Stone & brick sided home located within walking distance to town of Haliburton. Ideal location for contractor or home business. Large driveway with loads of parking. Heated dbl attached garage with workshop plus additional sgl attached garage. Several storage buildings & more. 2BR each with their own 2 pc ensuites on the main floor with livingrm, familyrm, 2 offices, laundry, 4pc bath, kitchen & pantry. Large granny flat with its own spacious 3pc bath. FAO, EBB and wood heat.



Lynda Litwin
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Horseshoe Lake Deeded Access - \$295,000

This lovely 2 bedroom home with a walk out basement is on a park like 2 acre setting of land with a pond, hill top bench, garden, pony barn, dog kennel, gardens to enjoy along with deeded access to Horseshoe Lake within walking distance. Call Lynda Litwin to view this home.



South Lake Home - \$399,900

Custom kitchen, huge dining and entertainment area, sunken living room, walk out to lake, level lot, triple garage with workshop. Only 5 minutes to Minden. Call Lynda Litwin to view this home

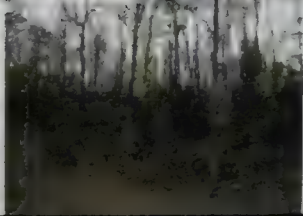


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Retreat Property - \$138,000

Great two bedroom retreat property. Sit in the screened in porch and listen to the babbling brook that runs along the property line. Boat from the shared water front lot on Salerno lake all day. Walk the year round road and enjoy the great outdoors. Call to book a viewing appointment.



Lots for Sale - \$34,900 & \$29,900

Two Great building lots just south of Minden. The lots run between Highway 35 and seasonal road, Starlight Road in a neighbourhood of cottagers and some year round residents as well. Call for more information on other lots that are also available.



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Vacant Lot - Sandford Court - \$59,900
Beautiful 2.69 acre parcel with 529' frontage on Sandford Court. This 2.69 acre parcel is relatively level with mature trees and forest feel. Private yet close to town. Seller is a registered Real Estate Sales Representative. Contact LB office for clauses.



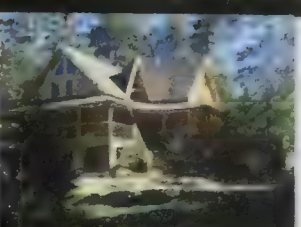
Vacant Lot - Sandford Court - \$99,900
Private estate lot (5.5 Acres) located in newer subdivision in village of Haliburton with spectacular view of both Grass & Head Lake. Conveniently located close to Sir Sandford Fleming College and shopping area. Cleared site, drilled well, driveway and septic approved.



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Lipsy Lake - \$1,125,000
This newly built 4 bedroom post and beam cottage exudes quality and whimsy. Nothing but the best materials were used including a CaesarStone Quartz kitchen countertop, slate and hardwood floors plus slate shower and tub surrounds. The soaring ceilings and expansive windows in the Great Room make it a place you'll never want to leave. The waterfront is that perfect mix of natural, deep, rock-shelf with a great sandy, gradual entry area for the kids and launching the kayak.



Redstone Lake - \$2,800,000
Luxury retreat on spectacular Redstone Lk combines lake frt on quiet bay w/absolutely private docking & tranquil river view. Extensive & innovative docking systems & entertainment decks plus 360 degree deck on main cottage enhance outdoor enjoyment. Incredible log home with superior custom & artistic design features inside & out add to your relaxation. Incl separately deeded lot with charming 3BR luxuriously appointed guest cabin with covered post & beam porch. 2 f's & screened room plus a 2000sf detached



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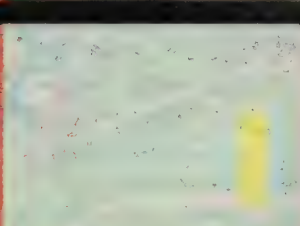
Eagle Lake Waterfront Lot - \$215,900
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Sir Sam's Area Lots
Two large lots on North Drive, with skiing, public beach, restaurants and grocery near-by. Build a get-a-way or a year round home! 3.95 acres for \$31,000 and 2.1 acres for \$30,000.



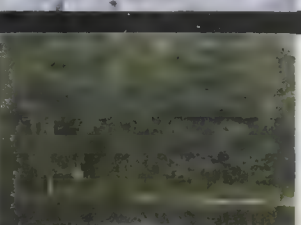
Minden Home - \$269,000
This home in McKayville is very spacious with 1750 sq. ft on the main level and a full walk-out basement. Sparkling hardwood floors, bow windows, sunroom, master ensuite, main floor laundry, large rec room, propane fireplace, attached double garage and a private backyard are just some of the features. Call me today for more information.



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Best of Both Worlds - \$529,000
Dream Chalet on fabulous Eagle Lake waterfront. Make sure to see this large open concept, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 4 season home with breathtaking views, sand beach, a walk to the first chairlift. Only \$529,000. Call Peter Today!!



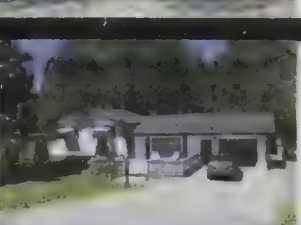
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Lots for Sale
Lipsy Lake - 589 ft. frontage - 15 acres - sand shoreline - \$499,000.
Hwy #35 - Beshkong Lake - 159 ft. frontage - 1.13 acres - sand beach access - \$79,000.
Coff River - Wondering Lane - 100 ft. x 648 ft. - 3 lake chain - \$89,000.
Loun Lake - deeded access - 496 ft. x 2.22 acres - sand beach - \$42,500.
Tom Bolton Road - 300 ft x 299 ft - 2.06 acres - \$22,900

Acreage for Sale
Kashagawigamog Lake Road - 114 acres - \$109,000.
Tom Bolton Road - 98 acres - \$95,000



Minden - 12229 Hwy #35 - \$149,000
Well maintained home on the edge of Minden - 1600 sq. ft of living space - 3 bedrooms - 2 bathrooms - walkout basement - attached garage - municipal water - 147 frontage 48 acres



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Minnicook Lake - \$799,999
Luxury and privacy. Quality built 3 bedroom, 3 bath cottage w/ sleeping loft & bunkie on 2.43 acres w/ 229 ft waterfront. Enjoy the unique wood-fired cedar hot tub at the waterfront then come inside to the spacious sauna. Nextstone and Mabec siding, sun-tunnel solar tube skylights, and cathedral ceilings are just a few of the special qualities of this cottage. Loads of parking and a pad in place for a garage. Cottage is wired for a generator.



Kushog Lake Area - \$225,000
This 4 season home or cottage is perfectly located to give you a view of beautiful Kushog Lake! This bright 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offers a large kitchen/dining area and great living room with oak cabinetry, pot lights, and a front porch for hours of relaxation. Located on 2.13 acres, partially wooded, with tonnes of privacy.



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Highland Gate Estates - \$249,000
Very well built ranch style three bedroom bungalow in an area of fine homes!! Close to school, hospital and all amenities. Nice open concept design with sunroom, main floor laundry room, large master bedroom with ensuite bath, two car attached garage, paved drive and a full finished basement with two guest bedrooms, family room and 2 pce. bath. Level, landscaped corner lot



Exclusive Listing - \$172,500
This two bedroom bungalow with full walk-out basement is situated on a very private and nicely treed 5 acre lot with approximately 200 feet of waterfront on Drag River. The rail trail nearby offers miles of cycling, hiking and snowmobiling enjoyment. Oversized septic, drilled well, large deck and much more!



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Near Gelert - \$59,900
County Road #1, south of Gelert, 2.34 acres, driveway and building site in, garage erected with hydro... trailer on site can be included or excluded...call me for more details. Asking \$59,900



Living By The Lake - \$379,900
A gem! Renovated throughout, lots of wood interior, open concept cottage AND a spectacular bathhouse overhanging the lake WITH a finished guest cabin and screened in sunporch to capture a sense of "living by the lake"! This property has a spectacular view over South Bay of Haliburton Lake and offers great swimming, boating and fishing opportunities. Asking \$379,900



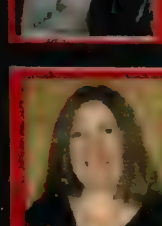
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Little Straggle Lake - \$319,900
Beautiful well maintained Home/cottage with 2 + 1 bedrooms, open concept, fireplace, ensuite bathroom, lots of knotty pine. Bunkie, garden shed, large 2 bay detached garage and workshop with extra high ceilings to park an RV, winter water, year round access and much more. A must see.



Executive Custom Built Home - \$239,900
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Hospital Auxiliary Association of Ontario Celebrates Centennial

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

Next Tuesday will mark the 100th anniversary of the Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario. What began with just a handful of dedicated women in 1910 has now turned into four million volunteer hours and an astounding 50 million dollars of raised funds. An incredible feat compounded by the fact that hospital auxiliaries are run entirely by volunteers which provide steady support to hospitals and to their patients.

The HAAO began by supplying small but greatly needed well needed items of care. They would deliver tray favours to hospital patients, they bought toys for nurseries and began the well known Candy Striper program. After modern technology came into the mix auxiliaries have since purchased high cost, life saving equipment for hospitals.

Haliburton's Hospital Auxiliary was founded in 1971 by Velma Smith, a nurse at what was then called the Red Cross Hospital. It was Ms. Smith's vision along with a team of dedicated workers that got the auxiliary off the ground and running. The auxiliary's mandate upon founding was and still is 'to bring comfort and hope to all who are in distress of mind or body.'

The HHA is part of the Hospital Auxiliary Association of Ontario. The provincial body according to Judy Skinner, president of the HHA provides "training courses, information, changes in law, exchange of fundraising ideas and gives us a provincial voice. Each auxiliary in Ontario will be doing something different to celebrate the 100 years but ours will be to focus upon a time of awareness, to really make the

community aware of what we're doing."

Judy has been a long time volunteer in health care with a background in social care. Along with a number of other people she founded Durham Hospice twelve years ago after being involved in a palliative care team at her local parish. She moved to Haliburton in 2004 after cottaging on Haliburton Lake for 35 years.

Since the HAAO began Judy says that auxiliaries have had to become "much more ambitious in fundraising and much more courageous in what they take on in their commitments. Hospitals



The gift shop was established in 2002 and is a major source of the Auxiliary's revenue. From left: Auxiliary members Kadi Bone, Tracey Lear, Rose Connaughan, Tina Hadley, Kathi Oke and Diane Smith. (Judy Skinner Photo)



that they want or need are unfunded. There is no budget. The only way they are going to get into the hospital is through fundraising either by the foundation or the auxiliary." Judy adds that "we spend our money very wisely because our members work very hard throughout the year."

Chief nursing officer Debbie Watson comments that "the equipment here is top notch and people are surprised at the level that we have here. It makes physicians and nurses happy; having the tools makes the job that much better for us."

The money which the HHA donates comes from numerous sources; from fundraising they do on a yearly basis, sales from their gift shop, donations and bequeaths.

The auxiliary has recently helped kit the hospital out with up to date technology such as a glidescope which was used as soon as it arrived. Judy tells the story of a man who "was brought into emergency in extreme distress. A visiting doctor from the city asked if we had a glidescope which had just arrived that day. He kept the man alive and the next morning, the patient's daughter came down to the gift shop to thank the auxiliary members. The new piece of equipment had played such a large part in keeping her father alive."

Although providing large pieces of hospital equipment plays a major role in what the HHA purchases they also provide other touches which can make a world of difference. At Highland Wood the long term care facility they have provided a screened-in porch, provided landscaping, provided brand new comforters for all the residents there as well as throughout the rest of the hospital on the acute care ward. It doesn't stop there; they recently refurbished the living area at Highland Wood with new furniture and decor.

Spun from its caring role, the auxiliary provides Beanie Babies to the emergency department for younger patients which helps as a distraction method. Within the next few weeks the auxiliary will also be providing complimentary bags of toiletries for patients admitted to hospital unexpectedly.

One of the major challenges that the HHA faces is recruitment. Currently on board is a 93 year old volunteer who has been with the HHA for the past 15 years. Judy says that "it's hard to accept age as an excuse for not being involved." Volunteers fulfill a number of different areas from working in the gift

shop, to providing support to the hospital financially and to help in the long term care facility. They recently had a large contingent of volunteers who stepped up and agreed to be available in case of a pandemic.

Judy adds that they are "always open to new members, it's a very nice way to meet new people, especially those who are newly retired or those who have relocated to this area. It's a wonderful way to get to know your community. I've always thought that people have a responsibility to the community that they live in, we all owe something to where we live. We should all leave it a little better."

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now are extremely expensive to run and running of a hospital is tremendous. We're fortunate in Haliburton that everybody loves our hospital. The care here is second to none, it's tremendously professional but extremely compassionate and that's what people remember when they've had cause to receive services here."

Since its inception the HHA has raised and donated more than \$900,000; a staggering amount for any auxiliary especially one from such a small community.

The hospital provides the auxiliary with a list of capital items that they wish to purchase on a priority basis; each department submits a 'wish list' of needs which is then prioritised. Judy's husband, John, a member of the auxiliary comments that "the significant thing is, is that most of the capital expenditures

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At Left: Judy Skinner stands in the gift shop with her husband John Skinner, a visitor to the shop Jamie Hurley and auxiliary member Diane Smith.

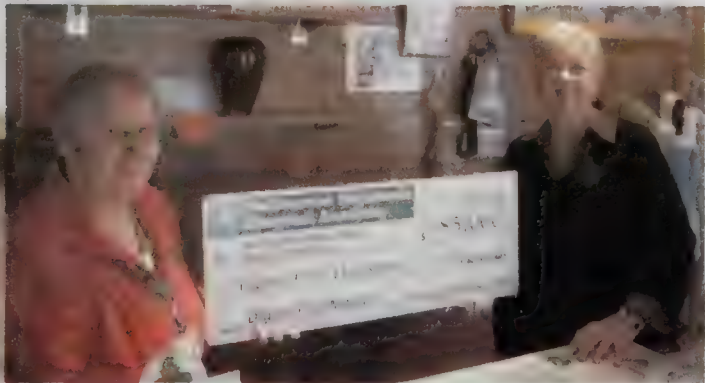
Below: Nurse Donna Tousaw gives a beanie baby to Clair Karaguesian. (Judy Skinner Photo)

Below Right: Auxiliary members Diane Smith and Judy Skinner hold a cheque that was donated to the Haliburton Hospital, one of the many sums of money they have donated over the years.

Right and Bottom: Emergency Dr. Karaguesian shows off some of the equipment donated by the auxiliary. (Judy Skinner Photo)

Below Far right: Judy Skinner stands in an ER room next to nurse Chantal Thurston, chief nursing officer Debbie Watson and nurse Rachel Fearrey.

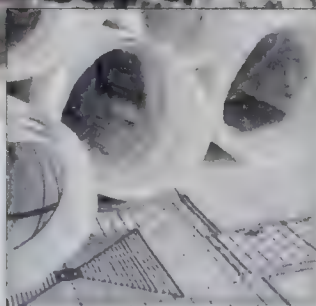
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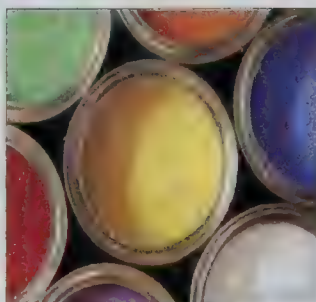
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Kinmount Streetscape Delayed

**"It will be devastating to my business."
(Hafiz Makani)**

Ideas and individual perceptions of the truth often differ, but never have different ideas failed to merge like they have over a small 'streetscape' project in beautiful downtown Kinmount. A project that has been designed, tendered, awarded and is even half completed is in a holding pattern because the beliefs of those looking forward to the improvements differ so dramatically from people who hope to see the project in its present state stopped.

Keith Stata, owner of Highlands Cinemas and long time resident, says that Kinmount had sidewalks for over 100 years like many other small local communities. But in 1975 serious drainage problems led some deep city thinker to attempt to fix these problems by pouring asphalt over the entire street, sidewalks and all. That seemed to resolve things for 16 or more years until the street gradually deteriorated into an intolerable state and vehicles parked on and drove down the sidewalk as a matter of course.

"Think for a moment how you would feel if you were in Toronto, Haliburton, Lindsay or Minden and you had to walk around cars and trucks parked on the sidewalk," he said. "Or what it would be like to have to jump out of the way to avoid vehicles driving down the sidewalk."

Stata said that for years people in the area pushed the City of Kawartha Lakes to fix the mess Kinmount had become and replace the sidewalks. Recognizing that serious drainage and safety issues had to be resolved, the city set funds aside to reconstruct the main street and finally, in the fall of 2008, they advertised a public meeting to discuss their 'streetscape' proposal and receive input from local merchants and residents alike. The plans set out to restore the sidewalks and install curbs, keeping vehicles on the roadway where they belonged.

But according to Stata one merchant opposed the project from day one and failed to attend any of the public meetings or work with other business owners to reach a compromise. While almost all of the merchants in the area were ecstatic about the improvements to the community, the owner of the Shop 'n Save, Hafiz Makani, refused to accept what was being proposed from the moment he saw the plans.

Stata says that the Shop 'n Save Store is an asset to the community, but he is very angry that Makani continues to put up roadblocks to stop a project that will improve traffic flow, the overall look of the community and most important, resolve safety concerns that have reached an unacceptable level.

According to Stata, H.C. Douglas operated a convenience store from the Shop 'n Save location for three decades with sidewalks in front of it. By the time Makani purchased the building it was a small restaurant, set back from the street and vehicles were permitted to drive over the sidewalk (area) and park in front of the restaurant. However, Stata said that Makani immediately built a small addition on the north side of the store eliminating some of the parking. The business prospered and Makani applied to the city to add another larger addition. The permit was granted subject to building a parking lot that would accommodate up to twelve vehicles in the rear of the building, a parking lot that according to city officials hasn't quite materialized.

Rather than using the rear loading docks, delivery trucks pull up to the front of the store to unload, often blocking passage on the sidewalks. Stata said, "Shop 'n Save customers can park in front of the cenotaph and walk to the store. Now, pedestrians

often have to walk onto the street into oncoming traffic and they can't see due to the height of the trucks. Of course, traffic never manages to travel at posted speeds and overall the situation has become untenable and dangerous."

Makani originally said that he was losing all of his parking which, according to city officials was not the case. He said that his business is geared towards convenience and that parking



in front of the Shop 'n Save is vital, not only to the success of his business but also for accessibility for seniors or disabled people. Makani says that he isn't opposed to the sidewalks themselves, but to the curbs and the change from five

parking spots in front of his store to two parking spots. "It will be devastating to my business," he said.

When asked why he didn't attend the public meetings, Makani suggested that they weren't well advertised and he was unaware of the first. When the second meeting was posted, he was unable to attend, but he did attend a meeting with city officials the day prior to the public meeting, something that didn't sit well with



the other merchants.

Makani insists that he has started work on his parking lot and will complete the work next year in accordance with orders issued by the city, but he will not agree to losing the parking in front of his store. He said the review process for the project allowed individuals with concerns to take them to the Ministry of Environment; and that is what he did when he couldn't reach an agreement with the city. But the ministry did not accept his arguments. As he has had little support from the other merchants, Makani prepared to go to court. And that is where the project stands at the present time; within the court system.

Shelina Makani said that she and her husband have talked with the city councillors and officials, MOE bureaucrats and even their MPP, but they're not getting satisfactory answers from anyone, so they decided that the only way to save their business was to go to court.

She said, "We're willing to do everything that is required. We think we have provided logical explanations and if everyone

"Think for a moment what it would be like to have to jump out of the way to avoid vehicles driving down the sidewalk." (Keith Stata)



wants to sit down and come to terms and not take away our five spots, we will agree to everything." Both Makani and her husband have suggested that the matter has become personal. Makani said, "Getting satisfactory results depends on who you are and that is the problem."

In the meantime, a bottleneck remains in place as traffic reaches the bridge over the Burnt River, safety concerns persist, the project is on hold and many of the merchants are very disappointed that construction may now be delayed to the point that it will interfere with the entire summer tourist season this year.

The County Voice spoke with several other merchants in the community to gain a broader perspective.

"We've been delivered bad news, but we've been here a long time and we make our own community." That was Diane Austin's response to inquiries about the project delay. Austin owns the local lumber company and Chairs Kinmount's Committee for Planning and Economic Development, says that Kinmount is characterized by a selfless spirit of cooperation, and for the most part the community is very excited to see the kind of infrastructure that is being planned by the City for their tiny community.

Austin said that the Shop 'n Save is a wonderful store that has been a real bonus to the community. "Unfortunately the owner has set up some serious roadblocks." According to Austin, Makani is the only merchant opposing the project. "All of the other merchants have fully endorsed and are excited about the project. But for (Makani) the sidewalks would have been in place for our 150th anniversary."

Austin said that the merchants in the community want to embrace change, progress and positive thinking. "The thing is, there is a right and wrong response to this plan. There are no grey areas. The city has to follow the codes of the province and besides being the main street it is also a highway. How can you back vehicles out onto the highway?"

According to Austin the arguments being made have prolonged what will be a wonderful enhancement to Kinmount. "One person should not have that power but if one person objects, the city has to investigate. The city is just following the rules from an environmental and logistical point of view.

But is Makani the only person against the project?

He has produced several petitions with a considerable number of signatures suggesting that parking should not be reduced in front of the store. While some merchants suggest that he has brow beaten his customers into signing, Makani has also produced copies of letters supporting his point of view.

Lynn Nicholls, who owns Gateway Variety, is renovating her store to coincide with the streetscape project. Nicholls, who hails from Bobcaygeon and is fairly new to the community, attended all of the public meetings and said that the participation by everyone involved, with one exception, was phenomenal.

Nicholls said that at the present time there is no differentiation between the road and the sidewalks. "Water is pooling, pedestrians are getting splashed and cars are parked on the sidewalks all over the place. The new plans define the sidewalks. There is curbing and there will be no ifs, ands or buts about where to park or walk and along a highway, that's important. We get a lot of traffic going through this small community."

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Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter



Nicholls is also losing parking in front of her store, but she says there are lots of alternatives and she is working with the plans that are in place for Kinmount. "We asked that construction get underway right after the Kinmount Fair, so work would be done in a way that would not interfere with the business season." While Nicholls is disappointed that the project has been delayed, she is still looking forward to the improvements.

Darrell Darling, who works for the city's Engineering Department and is responsible for the project at the present time said, "This is a touchy situation, but beyond that he was hesitant to comment. He did confirm that the plans allowed for Makani to retain two parking spots in front of the store and that additional parking was available in the alleyway beside the store which would allow almost exactly the same number of spots as are in existence now; while there is no parking lot in the back as yet there will be a dozen spots available once that work has been completed. Darling also said it was a bit of a stretch to say there are five parking spots in front of the store at present. He said, "It's more like four."

Jane Reynolds, the CAO for the City of Kawartha Lakes confirmed that the case is in the hands of the courts. She said, "The matter will be addressed in February. In the interim we have concluded any (drainage/storm sewers) work that can be done until spring and work is scheduled to start up again in May. We anticipate that we will be able to conclude the work, but it is dependent on the courts." Reynolds could not guarantee that the project, as planned, would be completed.

Makani has suggested that he would stop the injunction if the city agrees to go back to square one and hold another public meeting. To this Reynolds responded, "We have followed the process that is laid out. An environmental process was undertaken and completed and we will have to address things one step at a time. We have tried throughout the process to accommodate the needs of everyone, while respecting that they have different positions, but it would be premature to comment on having to go back to square one."

The city has lost several members of their engineering department over the past few months and Reynolds said that all of her staff had been stepping up to the plate and are working through all of their projects to the best of their ability.

A court date has been set for Feb 23rd in Lindsay, so stay tuned. ■



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Haliburton Highland Health Services CEO and President Paul Rosebush points out the significant amount of a cheque being presented to the HHHS by the Health Foundation's Campaign Co-Chair Don Popple, Executive Director Dale Walker, and Foundation Board Chair Peter Oyer. The \$100,000 represents a successful fall and winter series of fundraising events and goes a long way towards paying the \$361,000 bill for stationery lifts at the Hospital and at Highland Wood Long Term Care. About \$100,000 remains to be paid, and will be the target of this year's fundraising campaigns.

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Red Hawks Win Over Triple A St Peters Saints

By Evan Norrish
Sports Reporter

On Monday February 8th the Haliburton Red Hawks hosted the St Peters Saints and the game was an hour and a half of action filled plays.

The St Peters Saints are a AAA team that under Monday night were undefeated: they traveled to Haliburton County from Peterborough to take on a fast-paced, and equally undefeated, team of Red Hawks. The stats for both teams were exactly the same: nine wins, one tie, no losses.

The Haliburton arena was filled with spectators anxious to see the outcome of the game. The first period started off with both teams playing very aggressively and eager to get the first goal: with just over a minute gone in the first period The Red Hawks scored, with Kevin Nelson getting the goal to start the game off one nothing Haliburton.

The home team did not hesitate to keep the puck in the visitors end and soon goal number two was put in the net by Zack Boice. With the lead of two nothing Red Hawks there was lots of tension on the ice from both teams to either keep the lead or catch up.

Two penalties were called seconds apart at the end of the first period giving the St Peter Saints a two man advantage. It looked like this would be The Saints opportunity to even the point gap, but with only 12.9 seconds Haliburton Captain Matt Rea scored the third and final goal for the first period.

Now the Saints had a big deficit to overcome as they entered the second period. By the time St Peters scored their first goal Haliburton answered right back with our fourth by Scott Griffith. Now the time clock was counting down and St Peters were stepping up the game to try and keep their record undefeated but The Red Hawks defense was not going to let that happen.

When Mark Vasey scored the fifth goal with 7:36 left in the game it was clear that the HHSS Red Hawks were going to leave this game undefeated and that they did with a final score of 5-1.

It was great to watch our home town team dominate the ice on Monday. Now that The Haliburton Red Hawks have defeated the undefeated St Peters Saints we can rest easy when we call

our team the best in the league and still undefeated in the AA and AAA division.

The Haliburton Red Hawks next game will be away when they travel to Lindsay to play the Triple A I.E. Weldon Wildcats on Wednesday February 17th. The Hawks also have a home game on Monday February 22nd when they take on the Double A Norwood Knights. ■



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Highland Storm Atom AEs Win 7 - 1 in Playdowns

Submitted by
Karena Crofts, Team
Manager

What an exciting game! The Highland Storm Atom AEs came out ready to play hockey and show the Newcastle Stars who was in charge. Once again though the Storm boys decided to wait until the second period to start scoring with a goal by Ryan Prentice, assisted by Owen Smith and Jack Dobie, followed by a second goal by Alex Wilbee assisted by Greg Crofts. Not to be left out the Newcastle team managed their one and only goal in the second period too. After the flood the Stars came out still thinking they could pull out a win, but the Storm would have none of that and scored 5 more unanswered goals. Alex Wilbee scored 2 more giving him a hat trick, Greg Crofts one goal and two more assists, the other two goals by Jake Bull and Jack Dobie, other assists going to Devyn Prentice and Jacob Haedicke. Playing good defensive and forward positions were Carter O'Neill and Trevor Turner. Of course we cannot forget our goalie, Anthony Bertucca. The final score for this game was 7-1. Good luck to all the other Highland Storm teams as they continue in their series in the OMHA playoffs.

We next play in Newcastle on Sat Feb 13 at 6pm then Sun Feb 14 in Haliburton at 3pm, Sat Feb 20 6pm Newcastle, Sun Feb 21 2pm Minden and if a sixth game is needed it is back in Newcastle on Tues Feb 23 at 7pm. ■

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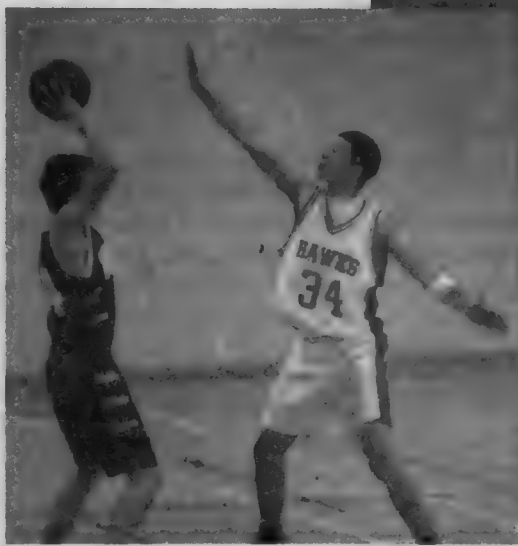
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Haliburton takes on I.E. Weldon at the Hawks Nest

By Evan Norrish
Sports Reporter



Racing Day at Elephant Lake Lodge

By Evan Norrish
Sports Reporter

For years the Elephant Lake Lodge has been the host to many events. The Lodge was popular for organizing the radar runs for the local area and as a kid I never missed a weekend. I remember looking forward to putting my Snowmobile gear on, filling my sled up with gas and making my way out to the radar runs on one of the various trails that surround the small town of Harcourt. This area has always been very popular with the snowmobilers" whether it was the poker runs, racing events or you just came out here to get lost on the trails and soak up the scenery.

The Elephant Lake Lodge which is renowned for their hunting, fishing and Snowmobiling. The local trails hosted the first ever triple time run race for the area on Saturday February 6th and Sunday February 7th.

The idea of the race is that you have three laps around the track to beat your own time. The track is a three mile obstacle course which runs around the lake starting at the lodge, then winding around the island and finally curving its way back to the starting point.

Cindy Baumhour was the co-ordinator for the race and all the money that was raised from the event was destined for minor hockey at the Wilberforce arena. All the Prizes for the winners of the race were donated by local businesses such as Four Seasons Small Engine Repair and Gas Bar, Agnews General Store Wilberforce, Harcourt Tim-bar Mart, Wayne's World Bancroft, Bancroft Sport and Marine, Performance Sports Bancroft, The Elephant Lake Lodge, and Bowes and Cocks.

The first place winner of the Triple Time Run Race was Ryan Baumhour which earned him the first place title since the event is new to the area. The second place standing was taken by Conner Greenley. To find out when the next Triple Time Run Race is at the Elephant Lake Lodge Contact Cindy Baumhour at 705-448-2861 or go to the Lodge, located at 6073 Elephant Lake Road, Harcourt. ■

The Red Hawks Senior Boys Basketball Team have been having a great season this year, showing lots of promise that they can bring the finals home. On Thursday February 4th the Hawks hosted an action filled game against I.E. Weldon that left spectators on the edge of their seat.

Right from the beginning the opposing team, the I.E. Weldon "Rockets" went out on the court with victory on their minds. The Rockets started the game with the first five points, so the Haliburton Red Hawks definitely had their work cut out for them. A time out was called by the Red Hawks within the first few minutes of the game to get their team back on track.

The first period was very back and forth, with both teams showing great sportsmanship and athleticism. It seemed that the hometown Red Hawks had finally found a worthy opponent with I.E. Weldon.

At the end of the 1st period the score was 11-4 for The Rockets. The senior boys Red Hawk team really had to put their game focus on for the second period. As the second period progressed the Red Hawks went out on the court with closing the point gap on their minds.

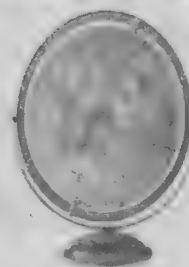
In the second and third period Haliburton and I.E. Weldon went head to head. With 2:01 left in the third period the Red Hawks called another time out with the score at 23-17 for the Rockets. It seemed the Home team of Haliburton was closing the gap and giving I.E. Weldon a run for their money, but despite the great effort from the Hawks The Rockets still had a 10 point lead at the end of the of the third period with the score being 29-19 for the guest team.

Even though the Rockets were stacking the points with their three pointers, the Red hawks played amazing defense and kept the fouls down to a minimum. With 3:16 left in the game the score was 38-22 I.E. Weldon the Rockets had an 16 point lead. The last three minutes of the forth period were filled with hopes that the home team would some how close the point gap and make this game a victory for the Hawks, but despite the amazing effort from the senior boys team the score at the end of the fourth period was 46-25 for I.E. Weldon.

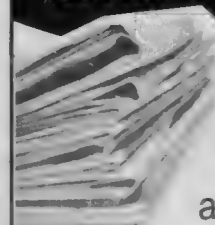
Even though the Red Hawks couldn't call this one a victory their effort was 100 percent on the court. There were great plays from everyone on the team. The Haliburton Red Hawks also hosted a tournament on Friday February 5th at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Gymnasium and now head to the Kawartha Sweet 16 tournament. ■

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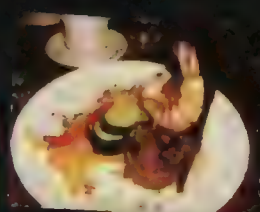
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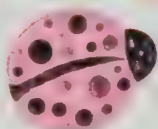


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A Napanee man and woman have been fined \$500 each and ordered to retake the hunter safety course for shooting a fellow hunter in the upper body and face area.

Gregory Cassibo and Codie Cassibo pleaded guilty to discharging a firearm without reasonable consideration for people. They are both required to take a hunter safety course prior to the reinstatement of their hunting privileges.

Court heard that on September 26, 2009, a Ministry of Natural Resources Bancroft District conservation officer responded to a call from the Ontario Provincial Police to investigate a hunting-related incident involving a firearm. It was determined that, while hunting waterfowl, both Gregory and Codie Cassibo fired at a duck that was in line with a boat occupied by the victim. The victim was struck and approximately 12 pellets were lodged in his upper body and facial area.

Justice of the Peace Barry Moran heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Bancroft, on February 2, 2010.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS 8477. ■

Disregard for Safety Proves Costly

A Boulter, Ontario, man has pleaded guilty to discharging a firearm from a vehicle.

Harris Whyte was fined \$1,000, his hunting privileges were suspended for one year and his shotgun was permanently forfeited to the Crown.

The court heard that on October 16, 2009, Bancroft District conservation officers were patrolling in Carlow Township. A vehicle travelling ahead of the officers suddenly stopped and they saw the seated driver discharge his shotgun at a ruffed grouse on the opposite side of the roadway.

Justice of the Peace Barry Moran heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Bancroft, on February 2, 2010.

It is a violation of the provincial Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act to discharge a firearm from a vehicle. ■

Fined for Hunting without a Licence

An Almonte, Ontario, man has been fined \$1,000 for hunting without a licence.

Warren Robinson was convicted for hunting moose without a licence, a violation under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.

The court heard that on October 10, 2009, Robinson contacted a Bancroft District conservation officer about a bull moose he had killed without the appropriate licence. After further investigation, the officer found that Robinson was licensed to harvest a calf moose, but instead had killed an adult moose with his crossbow.

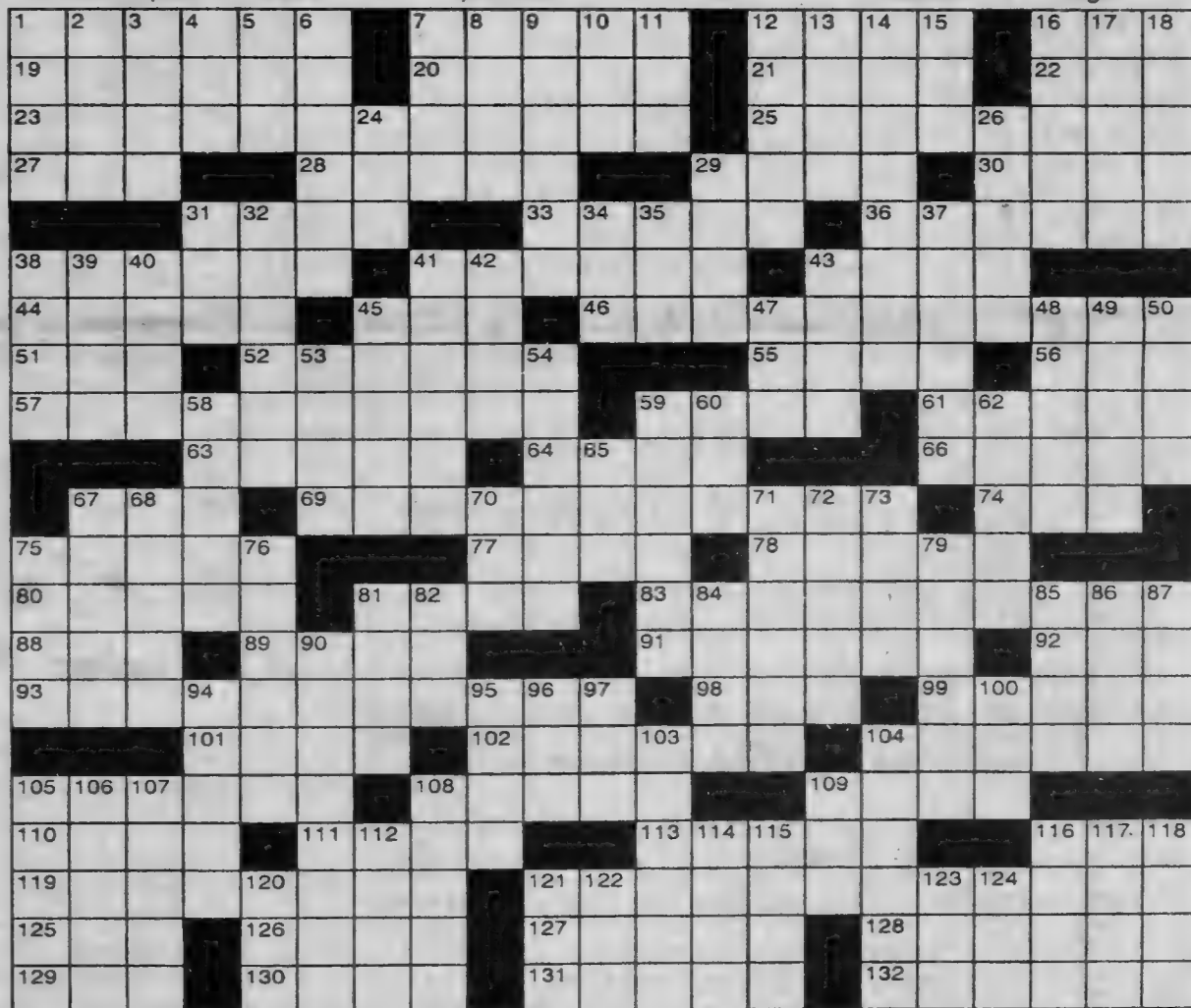
The moose was seized and later donated to a registered charity. The crossbow used by Robinson was also seized and will be returned when the fine is paid in full.

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Wilberforce Legion Fishing Tournament

By Evan Norrish
Sports Reporter



First place winner - Scott Carlyle

The sun was out and the air was cold on Saturday February 6th for the annual Pat and Phyllis Ice Fishing Derby named after the late Pat and Phyllis Gallen of Wilberforce. This particular Ice Fishing Tournament is run by the Wilberforce Legion branch 624. Every year since 1994 the whole community gets together to have fun, put their lines in the ice and tell as many fishing story as they can fit in one day.

This year saw a great turn out for the tournament with 161 people clocked in to participate and about 250 in total in attendance to see how big the catch of the day really was. This year's turnout was just as good as last year's when 168 participated in the 2009 Ice Fishing Derby. The prizes for the Tournament were all sponsored by local businesses that were more than happy to be involved in the community event. The sponsors were Agnews General store, Algonquin Roofing, Budweiser, Canadian Tire Bancroft, Bob Crate Churchill cellars LTD, The Fishes Lunch Box, Wilberforce Foodland, Harcourt Park Marina, Home Hardware Bancroft, Marg Jones, Molson Brewery, Ross Pickard and Marg Ridout.

The first place winner was Scott Carlyle with a whopping 6.402 lbs of Trout that he caught out of Grace Lake which earned a cool \$400. Second place went to Darrin Musclow with 3.366lbs out of Farquhar Lake for \$300; third was Dwayne Musclow with 3.179 lbs out of Farquhar getting him \$200 fourth was Darrin McCormick with 3.025 lbs out of Farquhar putting an extra \$100 in his pocket.

In attendance for the Derby were Victoria Kopf and Ryan Maclean representing the Ministry Of Natural Resources. The MNR have been doing something called the Haliburton Lake Trout Project for the past 11 years and as with any other fishing event the MNR regulations did apply. Mary Dunne who is the Wilberforce Legions Sports Officer and Co-coordinator was more than happy with this year's turnout and looks forward to the 2011 derby.

The Canadian Legion Branch 624 will also be hosting the Annual Ken McFarland Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby on March 6th 2010 which will take place in the lakes surrounding Wilberforce. Registration will be any time at Branch 624 before March 5th 2010 or at Fishes Lunch Box before 10 am on March 6th the registration fee will be \$ 15 per person and weigh in time will be 3:00pm to 6:00pm on March 5th at the Wilberforce Legion. For more information call Mary Dunne at 448-3512 or 448-2221. ■

Joe Smith Goes 'Lensless' for Rails End Opener

Photographer and Camera Collector Uses Pinhole Approach for Exhibition

By Mark Arike

With the latest technology available today, anyone can easily take a photo, upload the image to their computer and fire off copies to their printer within a matter of minutes.

Photography is the focus of the latest exhibition featured at the Rails End Gallery, but to the delight of many, the photos on the walls have been taken using unconventional methods and outdated equipment in today's day and age.

"A lot of people have an interest in pinhole photos and many don't quite know what pinhole photography is," said West Guilford area photographer and camera collector, Joe Smith, during Saturday's opening reception for his exhibition titled "Lensless Photography".

The exhibition features a number of Smith's pinhole photographs, which depict objects,

buildings and outdoor scenes. Several pinhole cameras he's either made or acquired also are contained in the gallery's lower level room.

So, what is pinhole photography and how does it work?

Pinhole pictures are taken with a camera that doesn't have a lens. The process for producing the image is fairly simple: light passes through a small hole to form an image on to film. The final result is a photo that tends to lack contrast and is soft in focus.

To produce some of his pinhole photos, Smith converted an old Polaroid colour pack into a pinhole camera.

"I took the front off of it

and the pinhole is made out of a thin sheet of brass," explained Smith. "The hardest part of it all is making the pinhole the right size so that the image will turn out how you want it to."

For some of his most visually poignant shots, Smith created his own pinhole cameras basically starting from scratch.

"This one takes 4x5 film," he explained, as he showed off a camera that appeared to be not much more than a box. The simple, yet effective apparatus was used to capture a couple of the featured pieces—including the main image used in promotional materials for the exhibition.

What proved to be one of the main attractions at the opening reception was a pinhole camera made out of a coffee can. With it was quite a suitable accompanying image: the local Tim Hortons. In the developing stage of the photo, Smith took things even a step further to stay true to the coffee theme.

"I mixed instant coffee with water and washing soda to develop the film," he said of the recipe he found online.

Smith's exhibition runs until Feb. 27 at the gallery, but if that's not enough for you, more is in store. The local camera connoisseur will host a pinhole camera demonstration this Saturday during the Frost Festival from 1-3 p.m., and he'll wrap things up on Feb. 27 with a workshop at the gallery on how to make your own pinhole camera.

For more information call the Rails End at 705-457-2330. ■



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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

STORY OF LONG-AGO ABUSE CAUSES FAMILY NEW PAIN

DEAR ABBY: My parents divorced when I was 6, and my father remarried when I was 8. My father got custody of my brother and me. A year later, my half-sister was born and that's when my stepmother began physically and mentally abusing me. My brother told family members about the abuse, but nothing was done. My father didn't believe us kids. The abuse finally ended when my grandparents -- my mother's parents -- saw the marks on my body and took me to an attorney. My mother got custody of me when I was 12. My half-sister, "Liz," was only 4 when I left, so we were never close growing up. I'm now in my early 40s. Last summer, while I was visiting family, I went shopping with Liz and her daughter. Tired of all the secrets, I told her the reason I left when she was little. It came as a shock to her because her mother had never abused her. Now my father and brother are mad at me for telling. My brother even told Liz it wasn't true to "protect" her. Was I wrong for disclosing something that happened long ago? The memories are still fresh after all these years, and doesn't it send a message to protect the abuser? -- TIRED OF SECRETS, CORONA, CALIF.

DEAR TIRED OF SECRETS: What your stepmother did was disgraceful, but you were wrong to try to exact revenge through her daughter. All it could do was cause your half-sister pain. As to your brother accusing you of lying after having revealed the truth -- that was wrong, too, because it victimized you twice.

DEAR ABBY: I am 25, and have been in a relationship with a wonderful man I'll call "Tom" for a year. Tom is attentive, caring, funny, self-sufficient and comes from a great family. In short, he's everything a woman says she wants. So why do I still constantly look at other men? I always worry that there's someone better-suited to me and that I'm just settling. Tom is definitely the best man I've ever met, and he would make a wonderful husband and father one day. So, how do I learn to appreciate what I have instead of always seeking something better, which very well may not exist? -- WANDERING EYE IN BUFFALO, N.Y.

DEAR WANDERING EYE: Tom may be everything a woman says she wants, but your intuition may be telling you that he isn't what YOU want. Ask yourself what quality Tom is lacking that causes you to constantly look at other men with an eye to trading up, because until you figure that out, you will never be satisfied.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single woman who has recently started a career in local government. In my position, I am often invited to functions with federal, state and local officials. On more than one occasion, "royalty" has attended as well. At these events, I am often introduced to officials or dignitaries after I am already seated. Should I stand when introduced as the men do, or as a lady, should I remain seated? I have watched other women, including a few old "pros," and the results are split. Can you please tell me what is proper and respectful in these situations? -- PROTOCOL-CHALLENGED IN INDIANA

DEAR PROTOCOL-CHALLENGED: Standing when introduced is considered a sign of respect, so when in doubt, stand up.

Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a warm, giving nature that inspires many to follow your example.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) There could be some negative reaction to your tough stance when making a recent decision. But overall, your efforts result in well-earned recognition and all that can follow from that.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your financial situation seems confusing, even for the fiscally savvy Bovine. Maybe it's the conflicting advice you're getting. Check it out before things get too tangled to unknot.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relaxed attitude goes a long way in helping you deal with any of life's irritants that might be popping up this week. You're also a reassuring role model for others in the same situation.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect favors creativity, which should persuade you to work on your artistic projects. If time is a problem, prioritize your commitments so that your work isn't compromised.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Scrutinize all the job offers that interest you. Most are honest and worth considering. But a few might not be completely forthcoming about what the job is and what the salary and benefits are.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected snafu could delay the completion of a project you're eager to finish. Find out what's causing it, fix it, and if you need help, don't be shy about asking for it. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An idea that could be helpful to you comes from an unlikely source. Listen to it. Discuss it. If necessary, adjust it. If it looks as if it might work out quite well, go ahead and use it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful about allowing someone to share a very personal secret with you. This could cause problems down the line with others who are involved in that person's private life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A cooling down of a relationship could be the result of neglect, unintended or not. To save it from icing over, you need to warm it up with a large dose of hot Sagittarius passion.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to get involved with a number of family matters that involve money and other issues that might jeopardize the closeness between and among family members.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Cheer up. That difficult person who appears to be deliberately stalling your project might just need to be reassured of the value she or he brings to it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Good news! Expect to feel re-energized now that you've gone through that stressful energy-depleting period involving a lot of changes. Now, go out there and show them what you can do.

ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: NUMBER, PLEASE
(e.g., What number is indicated by the Roman numeral L? Answer: 50.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. What is the year 2010 in Roman numerals?
Answer _____
2. How many complete rotations of the Earth occur in a single year?
Answer _____
3. How many permanent teeth do humans normally have?
Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. In the U.S., how many fluid ounces are in a standard cup?
Answer _____
5. How many prime numbers are there between 1 and 10?
Answer _____
6. How many bureaucrats does it take to screw in a light bulb? (joke)
Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. How many pairs of nuclear chromosomes does a human have?
Answer _____
8. The commonly accepted number of bones in the human body.
Answer _____
9. About how many calories make 1 pound of weight?
Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. MMX. 2. 365. 3. 32. 4. 8. 5. 4 (2,3,5,7). 6. Two. One to screw it in and one to screw it up. 7. Twenty-three pairs. 8. 206. 9. 3,500.

SCORING:

18 points -- congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points -- honors graduate; 10 to 14 points -- you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points -- you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points -- enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points -- who reads the questions to you?

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